

2022

The Town of Middletown Springs VERMONT



**Annual Report
of the Town Officers
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021**

ON THE COVER

Clarence K Haynes

July 21, 1950-May 21, 2021

Clarence Haynes, known to many as "Chip" or "Chipper", was born here in Middletown Springs, the son of C. Ralph and Carolyn (Kelley) Haynes. His family has resided here in town for generations, and can be traced back to the town's earliest days.

He attended the Middletown Springs school and graduated from Mount Saint Joseph Academy and from Vermont Technical College with a degree in Agribusiness.

Clarence married Sharon Snow in 1973. They were happily married for 47 years, building their home and family here in Middletown Springs.

Clarence was very committed to serving his community his whole life. As a life-long resident of Middletown Springs, he held membership and leadership roles from a very young age in the Vermont FFA (Future Farmers of America), 4-H and Middletown Springs Grange #476. He continued to be very involved in the community as an adult; serving on the Volunteer Fire Dept, the Grange and the Selectboard (as both Chair and member). Clarence also served as Town Moderator as well as Road Commissioner for a number of years and was a town employee before his careers in agriculture and at the US Postal Service.

Clarence was recognized for his commitment to the community in 2020 by Secretary of State Jim Condos as having been serving this community, in a variety of capacities, for almost 45 years.

He was particularly committed to his work on behalf of the students of Middletown Springs and surrounding areas. He was a member of the Middletown Springs Elementary School Board, as well as the newly formed WellsSpring School Board. He served as Chair of both for many terms.

He also served for years both as member and president of the Supervisory Union Board as well as on the Vermont State School Board Association, serving as Chairman for a period of time, and was the Vermont delegate to the National School Board Association.

He served as a mentor and a resource for school board members, administrators and parents. Clarence's presence and knowledge will be missed.

Town of Middletown Springs
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Town of Middletown Springs

2021 TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator:	1 Year	2022	Kimberly Bushnell
Town Clerk:	3 Years	2024	Patty Kenyon
Town Treasurer:	3 Years	2024	Jenny Talke Munyak
Town Agent			

Position eliminated by State of Vermont

Delinquent Tax Collector:	3 Years	2024	Debra House
School Moderator:	1 Year	2022	

Selectboard:

Heather Grier	2 Years	2022	
Patricia Kenyon	3 Years	2022	
Terry Redfield	2 Years	2023	
Neil Russell	3 Years	2023	
Robin Chesnut-Tangerman	3 Years	2024	

Wells Springs Unified Union School District Board Members:

Jodi Dickerson - (MTS)	3 Years	2022*	
Courtney Bishop (Wells)	2 Years	2022	
George Gonda (MTS)	3 Years	2022	
Amanda Weeden (Wells)	3 Years	2023	
Eric Montbriand (Wells)	3 Years	2024	
Meredith Morgan (At Large)	3 Years	2024	
Kara Haynes (MTS)	3 Years	2024*	

Road Commissioner:

William Reed	3 Years	2024	
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Listers:

Patricia Hemenway	3 Years	2022	
Randolph Kniffin	3 Years	2023	
Sally Achey	3 Years	2024	

Auditors:

Juanita Burch-Clay	3 Years	2022	
Tracy Weatherhogg	3 Years	2023	
Sarah Grimm	3 Years	2024	

Library Trustees:

Beth Miller	3 Years	2022	
Kelley Beckwith	3 Years	2023	
Alida Tarbell	3 Years	2023*	
Kristal Haynes Hier	3 Years	2024*	
Haley Kenyon	3 Years	2024*	

Town Grand Juror:

Position eliminated by State of Vermont

Trustee of Copeland Church Fund:

Rita Hansen	1 Year	2022	
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Trustee of Copeland Cemetery Fund:

John Weatherhogg	1 Year	2022	
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* Appointed until Town Meeting 2022

**Town of Middletown Springs
2020 TOWN OFFICERS**

Trustee of Louis Fund & Other Public Monies:

Beth Miller	3 Years	2022
Vacant	3 Years	2023
John Weatherhogg	3 Years	2024

Planning Commission:

Hilary Solomon	3 Years	2022
Vacant	3 Years	2022
Maynard Yost	3 Years	2023
Vacant	3 Years	2023
Vacant	3 Years	2024

Justices of the Peace: (Elected in November - all are 2 year terms)

Elizabeth Cooper
Nance Dean
Patricia Hemenway
Meredith Morgan
Leslie Silver

APPOINTMENTS

Fence Viewer:

Selectboard Members	1 Year	2022
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Tree Warden:

Terry Redfield	1 Year	2022
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Health Officer:

Carl Haynes	3 Years	2023
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Animal Control Officer:

Neil Russell	1 Year	2022
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Service Officer:

Selectboard Members	1 Year	2022
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Emergency Management Director:

Herb Childress	1 Year	2022
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Rutland Regional Transportation Council:

Bill Reed	1 Year	2022
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Town Representative to Rutland Regional Planning Commission:

Hilary Solomon	1 Year	2022
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Town Representatives to Rutland County Joint Municipal Survey Committee (SWAC):

Glen Moyer	1 Year	2022
Terry Redfield (Alt)	1 Year	2022

Conservation Commission:

Elizabeth Cooper	4 Years	2022
Steve Harrington	3 Years	2022
vacant	3 Years	2022
Rhonda (Honey) Phillips	4 Years	2024
Tasha Turan	4 Years	2024

Fire Warden:

James Reed	5 years	2023
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Weigher of Coal, Timber, and Shingles:

vacant	1 Year	2022
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Copeland Milk Fund

Terry Redfield	1 Year	2022
Carl Haynes	1 Year	2022
Rodney Tarbell	1 Year	2022

Town of Middletown Springs NOTICES

Meeting Calendar

Select Board	2nd & 4th Thursday of the month	7:00 p.m.	Town Clerk's Office
School Board	1st Wednesday of the month	6:00 p.m.	Alternates Wells/MTS School
Planning Commission	1st Monday of the month	4:30 p.m.	Town Clerk's Office
Volunteer Fire Dept.	2nd Wednesday of the month	7:00 p.m.	Fire House
Library Trustees	4th Wednesday of the month	7:00 p.m.	Library

Town Clerk Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday and Friday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday
Telephone: 235-2220
Email Address: *middletown@vermontel.net*

Quarterly Taxes Due

For the remainder of FY 21/22:

Q3 - March 15, 2022

Q4 - June 15, 2022

For FY 22/23:

Q1 - September 15, 2022

Q2 - December 15, 2022

Q3 - March 15, 2023

Q4 - June 15, 2023

Emergency Numbers

For Fire, Rescue Squad/Ambulance or State Police call **911**
You also may continue to use the emergency 7-digit numbers:

Fire Department: 235-2300
Middletown Springs Highway Garage: 235-2024
Rescue Squad/Ambulance: 287-9510
State Police: 773-9101

Town of Middletown Springs STATE OF VERMONT ELECTIONS MANAGEMENT PLATFORM

In 2016 the Elections Management Platform was launched. This streamlined the elections administration process, providing voters with greater access to voter specific information.

By using the My Voter Page, a registered voter can:

- Check registration status;
- View information on upcoming elections;
- Access voter specific elections information, including directions to a polling place and polling hours;
- View a sample ballot;
- Request and track an absentee ballot;
- and much more.

We encourage voters to log into their My Voter Page to learn more.

- Registered Voters can log in at: <http://mvp.sec.state.vt.us>
- Online registration can be found at: <http://olvr.sec.state.vt.us>

Town of Middletown Springs
NOTICES

Transfer Station Hours

6:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

"Fort Dumpster", located on Fire House Lane, is open for trash disposal and Zero-Sort recycling every Monday and Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The Trash "Pay-As-You-Throw" Policy requires a punch card (price - \$20.00) that is good for 10 large (30 gallon) bags of trash or 20 small (15 gallon) bags. Cards can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office, Fort Dumpster or Crossman's General Store. The Zero-Sort recycling is FREE for recycling products. Electronics may be recycled anytime during regular Fort Dumpster hours at no charge. We also collect and recycle small household batteries (less than 9 lbs.) at no charge.

Oversize Trash & Metal Collection Days

Saturday, May 14, 2022
Saturday, October 1, 2022
6:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Large waste and scrap metal will be collected on two Saturdays in 2022, from 6 a.m. to noon on both days. Furniture, toys, small amounts of construction and demolition items are accepted. NO CONTRACTORS, please. Large waste will be charged a \$10 per vehicle fee; scrap metal may be disposed of free of charge. Large waste and scrap metal collection takes place at the Town property at 577 West Street.

THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGES THAT MAY OCCUR DURING THE
LOADING OR UNLOADING PROCESS

Green Up Day

Saturday, May 7, 2022

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Saturdays

April 30, 2022	Rutland Town*	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
October 8, 2022	Fair Haven**	8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

* Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park (off Post Road Extension) Rutland

** Fair Haven Transfer Station, 175 Fair Haven Avenue (off West Street), Fair Haven

FREE SERVICE TO: Residents of the Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC) Towns ONLY - Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend the events listed above, even if there is not one scheduled for your town.

Between events residents of these communities may also drop off their household hazardous waste at the Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot during normal operating hours. PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED. More here: <http://www.rcswd.com/hhw/>

Act 148 - Universal Recycling Law

Please Remember that as of July 1, 2020 **food scraps are banned from landfills.**

<https://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/universal-recycling>

Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD REPORT

2021

Welcome to COVID, Year II, another year that many of us would probably wish to forget. Just as life returned to some semblance of normalcy during the summer and early fall months, late fall and winter have brought us 'Omicron' and an even more infectious variant.

The Town has navigated and continued to operate mostly without incident in spite of challenging circumstances and supply-chain disruptions that are now a normal component of everyday life. The Select Board welcomed a new member – Robin Chesnut-Tangerman – back to the Board. We are appreciative of Robin's knowledge and prior service and glad that he is helping this Board once again.

March Town Meeting brought a huge change to the Town as Patty Kenyon was elected Town Clerk. Laura Castle had served the community as Town Clerk, Assistant Town Clerk, and in other capacities for better than 40 years. We can never thank Laura enough for her exemplary service to the town, and we wish her the very best. Patty has hit the ground running and is working hard and doing an exceptional job in guiding the town through these difficult, transformational times.

The Highway Department has been through some trials and tribulations this past year. Early in the new year (2021) an accident with the green Freightliner forced the Select Board to purchase another Freightliner dump truck much sooner than anticipated. The new truck is a larger, tandem-axle truck and is a welcome addition to the fleet, other than its earlier-than-expected arrival.

The Select Board continued to meet practically each and every Thursday evening to work on the proposed Town Office on the corner property, and has been working with the architectural firm of Keefe and Wesner from North Bennington, Vermont. A cost estimate of \$863,000 for the building itself was secured, and with the help of our architect, Geoff Metcalfe, and citizen volunteers Peter and Aileen Stevenson and Ron Masleh, the Board scheduled a (successful!) special election in November to vote on financing for the new building. This is an incredibly important milestone for our Town in this years-long process, and the Board is very aware of the magnitude and responsibility accompanying this approval. While we may still be a few days away from walking through a new front entry on the corner property, we are closer than we have ever been and we sincerely thank the voters for their support.

Many challenges have been met and dealt with; but many remain and new ones pop up almost every day. Thanks to this Board and other dedicated community members and volunteers, we have managed to keep the Town moving forward and toward better things to come.

Respectfully,

Terry Redfield
SelectBoard chair

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

It's been an interesting first year on the job! Thank you to all who continue to support me as I learn the ropes. I've learned a lot about how to navigate town and state governmental systems effectively, many times by way of a mistake, but as you might expect, learning from your mistakes leaves a bigger impact. There are many aspects to the job of Town Clerk, and I am continuing to learn how many through my daily experiences.

As I near the end of my first year I would like to thank a few folks who've made the transition easier for me. My assistant Town Clerk, Heather Grier tops the list. Her experience working as a title searcher has been an invaluable asset. I can always count on Heather to help me with a recording question. I would also like to thank the cadre of volunteers who helped me get acquainted with the office by sifting through files, assessing optimal storage solutions and accessibility of information. Those volunteers included Pat Hemenway, Herb Childress, Leslie Silver, Nita Burch Clay and my current office assistants, Elizabeth Cooper and Meredith Morgan. Elizabeth and Meredith work a few hours each week and have helped create a document inventory so we can put like things together which has proved to be an invaluable exercise.

In other news, we have begun the process of land record digitization. I am now recording all new land recordings digitally at the time they are entered into our land record books. I am still in the early stages but have also begun to digitize the older land records as time allows. It's fascinating and provides me with continual learning opportunities.

This year, despite heading into year three of the global pandemic, free and available vaccines have made it possible for us to open our doors to the public and take down our barriers. We do still recommend mask wearing for the safety of all and to ensure we avoid disruptions to office hours and service. We are living in challenging times and yet what we do every day still needs to be done. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue this uncertain journey.

In closing, I would like to thank the voters who turned out to approve the financing for a new town office building. We are still a little while away from seeing the dream come true, but we are closer than we've ever been. I look forward to a new space with proper storage and accessibility for all the town's most important permanent records. It's easy to forget the importance of keeping our permanent records safe for future generations, until you need to look up a deed or get a copy of a vital record. Town offices are the one and only place that many important documents live, documents that tell the story of our town. Each of us will benefit by having invested in a proper town office with a real vault and filing systems to safely house the history of Middletown Springs.

I look forward to continuing to serve the people of Middletown Springs as your Town Clerk.

Patty Kenyon
Town Clerk

Town Clerk's office hours:
Monday & Tuesday from 9am to 4pm
Thursday & Friday from 1 to 4pm.

PH: 802-235-2220
Email: middletown@vermontel.net

Town of Middletown Springs 2021 VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages: 6

Births: 4

Deaths: 9

This year I have made the recommended switch and will no longer publish individual names and dates in the Town Report. Publishing this data is considered an identity theft risk. To avoid that risk, I have made this tough decision.

I know this new practice will be received with mixed reviews, my apologies to those who were counting on a more detailed listing.

Patty Kenyon
Town Clerk

2021 BIG CHANGES

THANK YOU!

On November 17 Vicki Arsenault turned the keys to "Grants Store" over to Dave and Amanda Crossman. This was a momentous occasion for her as well as all of us here in town. A huge THANK YOU for all of your years with us, Vicki, and for keeping the store open until everything fit. We have appreciated your swift humor, patience, kindness, generosity and community spirit. We know this was a change you were happily anticipating. All the best to you! See you in town.



WELCOME!

The new owners and operators of CROSSMAN'S GENERAL STORE in the center of town are Dave and Amanda Crossman. They are off to a great start and have made some impressive renovations to the interior of the building while maintaining other important functions as they were.

We wish them the best of luck and much success in this new endeavor, and look forward to the new 'Crossman's General Store' anchoring the heart of Middletown Springs for many years to come.

Town of Middletown Springs DOG LICENSE REPORT 2021

Vermont state law requires all dogs or wolf-hybrids be licensed with the Town Clerk each year on or before April 1. All license fees include funds required to be sent to the state rabies and spay and neuter programs. Licensure requires that all dogs or wolf-hybrids over the age of 3 months have a current rabies vaccination. Certification of vaccination must be on file with or presented to the Town Clerk at the time of registration.

Registration Information:

For animals adopted and registered or before April 1, 2022

Neutered or Spayed - \$9.00 Not Neutered or Spayed - \$13.00

If registered after April 1, 2022, late fees apply

Neutered or Spayed - \$11.00 Not Neutered or Spayed - \$17.00

New animal adoptions after April 1, 2022, have 30 days to register without incurring a late fee. After the 30-day grace period standard late fees will apply.

For new animal adoptions after October 1, 2022, fees are as follows (within 30 days of adoption):

Neutered or Spayed - \$7.00 Not Neutered or Spayed - \$9.00

Late registration fees after October 1, 2022:

Neutered or Spayed - \$9.00 Not-neutered or Spayed - \$11.00

In 2021 there were 99 registered dogs in Middletown Springs.

Middletown Springs also has an animal control ordinance in effect. The full ordinance can be found on the Town's website at <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Animal-Control.pdf>. If you are the owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid please review the town ordinance to be sure you are in compliance. Each year the Selectboard appoints an animal control officer. Current information on who the town's animal control officer is can be found on the town's website at <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov/town-government/town-officers/>.

Please note: If you are uncomfortable coming into the town office to register your animal or if your schedule just doesn't fit the clerk's office hours, you can still get your pet registered. If we don't already have your information on file, you can mail your rabies certificate, license fee and any other pertinent information to PO Box 1232, Middletown Springs 05757 and I will complete the registration and mail you back the license and tag.

Patty Kenyon
Town Clerk

Town Clerk's office hours:
Monday & Tuesday from 9am to 4pm
Thursday & Friday from 1 to 4pm.

PH: 802-235-2220
Email: middletown@vermontel.net

THERE WILL BE NO RABIES CLINIC THIS YEAR

**Vermont Department of Health
2021 Annual Health Report for Rutland County**



Rutland Office of Local Health
300 Asa Bloomer State Office Building
88 Merchants Row
Rutland, VT 05701
888-253-8802 or 802-786-5811
Email AHS.VDHOLHRutland@vermont.gov

Twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. Additional information about your local health office and related programs can be found at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>.

COVID-19

It has been almost two years since the COVID-19 pandemic began, and in response, our families, schools, businesses, first responders, and countless other groups have worked to better protect the health of our communities. Together we ensured towns had access to the vaccine, testing, and other services needed to make more informed decisions about their health. As of December 1, 2021, approximately

- 494,000 Vermonters received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- 546,055 people have been tested and a total of 2,570,835 tests completed.
- Many COVID-19 resources are now provided in over 20 different languages.
- Up-to-date information, including town-level data can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/current-activity>.

Public Health Programs

In addition to COVID-19 response efforts, Local Health offices continue to provide health services and programs to Vermont communities, including but not limited to

- In collaboration with Town Health Officers and other local partners, we help Vermonters better understand the relationship between their environment and their health at a time when more of us are spending time at home with our families. Find information about environmental health and lead, asbestos, toxic chemicals, child safety, food safety, climate change, drinking water, and more at <https://www.healthvermont.gov/environment>.
- The WIC nutrition program continues to provide primarily remote access to services with phone appointments. In 2021, an average of approximately 11,300 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont each month.
- As of November 23, 2021, 193,000 flu vaccine doses have been administered. Protecting people from influenza continues to be particularly important as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone involved in supporting these efforts. We look forward to what 2022 brings, to seeing you in the community, and encourage you to stay in touch with us.

Thank you for helping slow the spread



**PLEASE WEAR
YOUR MASK**

**RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
TOWN REPORT FOR 2021**

Thus far, in the 2021-2022 contract time frame, RCSD has responded to 37 incidents, performed 40 traffic stops, and had 6 criminal arrests. Sheriff's Deputies average 10 hours per week, covering five to six days per week. With Middletown Springs being one of the towns in Regional Patrol with Ira, Danby and Tinmouth this is a great benefit to these towns. This allows smaller towns who are working with a smaller tax base the ability to have more directed law enforcement coverage for their money. An example of this would be at any time RCSD has a Deputy assigned to Regional Patrol we will respond to incidents in any of these four towns, thus in reality giving Middletown 40 hours a week coverage for the cost of paying for 10 hours per week. The hours are managed weekly, so if we go over the allotted 10 hours per week, we will scale back your directed coverage until we are back on track with hours.

However, this does not mean if we have used the allotted hours for the week we will not respond for complaints. We will continue to respond to incidents in your town and continue to manage the hours. This cooperation between these four towns has worked well over the past few years and we hope this kind of cooperation will continue in the future. The Rutland County Sheriff's Department is honored to provide your law enforcement needs.

Respectfully submitted, Sheriff
David J. Fox

**RUTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
88 GROVE STREET
P.O. BOX 303
RUTLAND, VT, 05701
802-775-8002**



• *Appropriation request #8 on 2022 Town Warning*

SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES

SWAC is composed of the towns of Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven and serves a population of approximately 14,000 people. These towns work cooperatively to comply with State laws and mandates managing solid and hazardous waste issues in an environmentally responsible and cost effective manner.

In 2021, SWAC successfully complied with Year One Act 148 / ANR Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) requirements. The SWIP meets the requirements of the State's Material Management Plan and outlines how solid and hazardous waste will be managed in the SWAC towns for a five-year period. All towns in Vermont are required to be included in a SWIP, and the requirements are extensive. The currently approved and adopted SWIP is available for review on the SWAC website.

SWAC acts as a liaison to the State of Vermont representing the SWAC town's interests on issues such as legislation and rule changes, SWIP requirements, and Product Stewardship.

SWAC is a member of the Vermont Product Stewardship Council and Product Stewardship Institute. These groups have been instrumental in getting Environmental Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation passed in Vermont. The EPR legislation requires manufacturers to be financially responsible for the end of life collection of their product(s) thereby saving Vermont's resident's disposal/recycling costs. Active programs are in place for the collection of architectural paint, batteries, automobile switches, mercury thermostats, mercury lamps, compact fluorescent bulbs, and electronics waste. Efforts are still ongoing to pass new legislation requiring manufacturers of household hazardous waste products and paper and packaging to pay for end of life disposal of their products. Contact your local representative to support these efforts.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW): HHW collection is the most costly endeavor undertaken. SWAC contracted with US Ecology to hold three household hazardous waste (HHW) events. 5.6 tons of hazardous waste was collected from 127 households. Products included oxidizers, acids, alkalines, reactives, pesticides, aerosols, flammable liquids, ammonia, mercury devices, mercury, batteries, latex, oil based, and flammable paints, propane tanks, batteries, asbestos, pcb ballasts, and antifreeze.

Thank you for participating in SWAC's efforts to properly recycle and dispose of solid and hazardous waste. To keep your communities HHW and solid waste collection costs down, remember to Refuse, Reduce Reuse, Recycle, and Repurpose. Consider buying less-toxic products that do not need to be disposed of as hazardous waste. If you do buy a product, use it up for its intended purpose, or give it to a friend, neighbor, or relative to use. Visit the SWAC website (What Do I Do With page) for locations where electronics, paint, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and waste oil are accepted for FREE year-round. No need to wait for the HHW events.

2022 HW Schedule - April 30, Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park; October 8, Fair Haven Transfer Station, 175 Fair Haven Avenue. These event times are 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. These events are free to all SWAC residents. In addition - shared event with Bennington County Solid Waste Alliance (BCSWA) - September 17 -- For BCSWA residents and Pawlet residents at Dorset School, 130 School Drive, Dorset. Time for this event is 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The SWAC website provides additional information on these events.

Between events: Residents of SWAC towns may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. This permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and provides drop-off of household hazardous waste and, trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scale-house or hazardous waste depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Permits are not available for sale on weekends at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

2021 was another unprecedentedly difficult year. Special thanks to town staff and transfer station attendants who kept operations going despite the difficulties involved. Also many thanks to the SWAC representatives, many town clerks, and administrators. They spend countless hours assuring SWAC continues to run efficiently and effectively.

Middletown Springs is represented by Glen Moyer, Terry Redfield, Patty Kenyon
(802) 342-5701 email: solidwastealliancecommunities@gmail.com www.rutlandcountyswac.org

**2022 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) COLLECTION EVENTS
SOLID WASTE ALLIANCE COMMUNITIES (SWAC)**

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – RUTLAND TOWN Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park (off Post Road Extension)
Rutland

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. – FAIR HAVEN Transfer Station, 175 Fair Haven Avenue (off West Street), Fair Haven

2022 HW Contractor - US Ecology of Burlington, Inc. (formerly ENPRO Services of Vermont, Inc).

THE SERVICE IS FREE TO: Residents of the SWAC Towns ONLY - Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Middletown Springs, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. As a resident of SWAC, you may attend ANY of the events listed above. PROOF OF RESIDENCY MAY BE REQUIRED.

BETWEEN EVENTS:

Residents of these communities may purchase a non-district permit to utilize the Rutland County Solid Waste District Gleason Road transfer station and hazardous waste depot. The permit allows access to the Gleason Road facility and allows for drop off of HHW and trash disposal at current rates, and access to recycling drop-offs. Permit purchase is available at the scalehouse or HW depot at the transfer station or at the RCSWD offices, located at 1 Smith Road, Rutland, Monday - Friday (7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m). Weekend permits sales are not available at either location. Telephone 802-775-7209 for additional information and current rates.

WHAT TO BRING:

Any substance with labels that say **CAUSTIC, TOXIC, CORROSIVE, POISON, FLAMMABLE, DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION, USE IN AN OPEN ENVIRONMENT**. Examples include: antifreeze, turpentine, stains, varnishes, carburetor cleaner, creosote, drain cleaner, propane tanks, mercury thermostats, oven cleaner, fertilizer, paint strippers, thinners, solvents, gas treatments, old gasoline, engine degreaser, floor, metal, and furnisher polishes, latex and oil based paint, pool chemicals, and pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides (fertilizer without pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides is not a household waste - use it for its intended purpose), and batteries (single use or rechargeable - for large batteries, see note below).

WHAT NOT TO BRING:

ELECTRONICS - Permanent electronics collection locations are available throughout the County to serve Vermont residents. Call toll free at 855-632-9253 or visit <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/e-waste/> to find a collection facility near you. Large businesses should contact the RCSWD at (802-775-7209) to discuss recycling and disposal options.

SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS - Intact carbon monoxide detectors and household smoke detectors can be disposed of as trash.

LARGE BATTERIES - Most service stations will accept used automobile batteries. Interstate Battery located on 71 River Street, Rutland, also accepts large batteries (automotive batteries or other large batteries).

FLUORESCENT BULBS - Residents of Vermont may at no charge to them dispose of mercury-containing lamps at collection sites throughout the state. Residents may take any number of compact fluorescent mercury-containing lamps (cfls) or 10 or fewer mercury-containing lamps that are not compact fluorescent lamps at one time. To find collection locations near you, visit:
<http://www.lamprecycle.org/state-local-laws/vermont/>

TIRES are also accepted at the Gleason Road transfer station for a nominal fee and some SWAC transfer stations. Contact your local transfer station for more information.

VAPING DEVICES - Check with our local law enforcement officials for options for disposal.

****BUSINESS WASTE:**

Small businesses (conditionally exempt generators) which may include town offices, schools, and town garages can dispose of their wastes at the RCSWD Gleason Road Hazardous Waste Depot. A permit is required to access the facility. Contact RCSWD directly at 802-775-7209 to purchase a permit, receive an estimate of disposal costs, and to schedule an appointment to drop off wastes. Payment for disposal will be required at the time of drop-off.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CONTAINERS – Any product brought to the household hazardous waste events (including used motor oil) must be left in the container they are transported in. Materials will not be poured off into larger containers at the events.

USED WASTE OIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE HOUSEHOLD WASTE HAULER. However, waste oil WILL be accepted at BOTH the Fair Haven and Rutland town transfer station used oil collection areas during the event. TRANSFER STATION ATTENDANTS will be happy to take your used waste oil.

Used waste oil is also accepted at many locations throughout the area for FREE. For locations near you visit: <http://rutlandcountyswac.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Free-Used-Oil-Collection-Locations-Rutland-County-2017.pdf>

EVENT MANAGEMENT: Please place all items to be disposed in the trunk of your car or the back of your van or truck. DO NOT exit your vehicle. PLEASE wear a mask for personal protection and leave pets at home.

To help lower the disposal costs for your community, only purchase the amount of a product you need and consider giving any leftover product (such as paint and fertilizer) to a neighbor, friend, or charitable organization. Please keep products in their original containers. Do not mix products!

For additional information, please call Pam at 802-342-5701.

Town of Middletown Springs

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 (FY21)

The Auditors of the Town of Middletown Springs, Vermont, have audited the financial statements of the town as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021 as listed in the table of contents of the annual town report and available prior to this report. These financial statements are the responsibility of the town officers. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 24 V.S.A. 1681-1684, which among other things requires that we examine and adjust the accounts of all town officers and all other persons authorized by law to draw orders on the Town Treasurer.

Our objectives were to (1) validate the correctness of the town accounts, (2) detect fraud or errors in these accounts, and (3) verify the financial condition and results of operations of the town as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021.

To accomplish these objectives, we obtained an understanding of the operation of the town's government, including internal controls over financial transactions. We reviewed and tested various financial operations and responsibilities of the town including collection of fees, Treasurer's Report and procedures, town trust funds, highway grant projects, library accounts, and board orders.

Actions Taken FY21:

- Reviewed the FY20 Treasurer's Report, asked questions, and suggested adjustments to clarify financial information.
- As recommended by the Sullivan, Powers external audit, we continue to:
 - Do a monthly reconciliation of bank accounts using accounting software.
 - Sign off on the Select Board orders.
 - Recommend actions to the Selectboard from the Sullivan, Powers' "letter of deficiencies".
- Attended Select Board meetings, budget meetings, and town building meetings including attendance by Zoom during the pandemic and review of minutes.
- Continued to organize information related to town restricted funds.
- Made recommendations, in the FY20 report, concerning town trust funds.
- Continued to work with trustees of town funds on investments and reporting.
- Reviewed the town library accounts.
- Started an auditors' handbook.

Priorities: Town auditors may focus on different aspects of the town finances each year, as part of a rotating review of the overall system. The priority for FY21 was to continue to act on the suggestions and recommendations from the external audit. More progress has been made, and the Internal Financial Controls Checklist for Municipalities from VLCT was completed.

Priorities for FY22 include:

Working with the Select Board and Treasurer on financial controls policies and procedures.
A review of property and taxes, including the grand list and delinquent taxes.

Hours: In FY21, the three auditors between them worked over 208 hours, with 112 paid hours, and over 96 volunteer hours.

Findings:

In our opinion, the financial statements we have examined are a fair representation of the financial position of the Town of Middletown Springs as of June 30, 2021 and the results of its operation for the year then ended. These findings are mainly based on documents relative to FY21 updated on August 21, 2021 and September 27, 2021.

Based on our observations and testing, we find that:

- Record keeping and reporting by the Treasurer is accurate, efficient and clear.
- The new Town Clerk has made significant improvements in the areas of communication, efficiency, organization, and information, all of which support the town's financial health.
- We commend the Select Board for adopting a Fraud Prevention Policy and an Accounting, Auditing, and Financial Reporting Policy.

Town of Middletown Springs
REPORT OF THE AUDITORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 (FY21)

The recommendations from the external audit by Sullivan, Powers in March 2019 provided valuable information, feedback and guidance to the town. These recommendations benefit and protect the town financially as they are reviewed and/or implemented.

- Action on the recommendations continue.
- Some recommendations refer to current practices that should be confirmed by policies, or to policies that need review and/or updating, including:
 - Procurement Policy and Authorization of General Journal Entries

Concerns and Recommendations:

General Policies and Procedures:

- As in previous years, we recommend that the Select Board require new town officers to read and sign off on their understanding of town policies. **NOTE:** This has been recommended annually since FY13.
- We recommend that the Town continue to take action on the observations and recommendations of the Sullivan, Powers external audit. With this in mind, we recommend that the Select Board continue to work on implementing the financial policies suggested by the Sullivan, Powers external audit. These include:
 - Formalizing, with a policy, the current practice of authorized approval of changes to original financial entries.
 - Updating the Procurement Policy.
- We recommend that the Town set up an inventory and replacement schedule for computers and office equipment.
- We recommend that the Town create an approved vendors' list.

Trust Funds:

- We again remind the Copeland Milk Fund and Trustees of Public Monies to post minutes and other information on the town website. **NOTE:** This has been recommended annually since FY15.
- With regard to the Copeland Cemetery Fund:
 - The trustees have apparently been inactive in the past two years, but there is hope with the addition of a town representative this year that communication will improve.
 - We continue to recommend that the Cemetery Fund be used, as directed by Copeland, to maintain the Pleasant View Cemetery, without requesting extra money from the town budget. There appear to be adequate resources in this fund.
- With regard to the Copeland Milk Fund:
 - We continue to recommend that the Copeland Milk Fund and the Select Board seek legal advice about the interpretation of the "covenants and conditions" in the original 1927 document. **NOTE:** This has been recommended annually since FY14.

External Auditing:

- We continue to support the town's budgeting for the next periodic external audit by setting funds in a restricted fund each year.

Respectfully approved and submitted by Auditors J. Burch-Clay, S. Grimm, and T. Weatherhogg
on January 5, 2022

**Town of Middletown Springs
DELINQUENT TAX BREAKDOWN**

TAX YEAR:	Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021										
	<u>2010/2011</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2013/2014</u>	<u>2014/2015</u>	<u>2015/2016</u>	<u>2016/2017</u>	<u>2017/2018</u>	<u>2018/2019</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>
Taxes Assessed	\$ 1,842,698	\$ 1,841,969	\$ 1,932,678	\$ 1,969,734	\$ 1,875,698	\$ 2,109,858	\$ 2,012,532	\$ 1,921,270	\$1,897,172	\$1,985,577	2,169,713
Abate ments & Adjust ments	(1,614)	(591)	(494)	(11,147)		(2,513)	1,117	(5,415)	(1,657)	(729)	669
Received in FY 2011	1,785,061										
Received in FY 2012	26,024	1,790,212									
Received in FY 2013	9,778	23,040	1,870,104								
Received in FY 2014	17,178	26,169	55,930	1,919,825							
Received in FY 2015	2,368		504	7,586	1,826,415						
Received in FY 2016		1,287	396	14,618	30,687	2,054,794					
Received in FY 2017				1,316	1,901	30,990	1,967,583				
Received in FY 2018	142	141	136	1,089	3,912	5,372	19,311	1,845,997			
Received in FY 2019	164	163	157	160	455	490	6,213	35,101	1,849,014		
Received in FY 2020				5,964	4,372	4,770	7,824	16,739	30,664	1,916,322	
Received in FY 2021			4,164	1,049		2,764	3,847	833	4,703	45,434	2,131,623
Principal Delinquency As of FY20/21 end	369	366	792	6,980	7,957	8,166	8,871	17,186	11,134	23,092	38,759
Grand Total Delinquent Taxes (Principal Only) as of FY20/21 End											123,670

Town of Middletown Springs
2020 GRAND LIST ABSTRACT (411) FOR FY 20/21

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)						
REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value	
Residential I	R1	138	23,835,100	18,023,400	5,811,700	23,835,100
Residential II	R2	204	56,825,200	36,302,500	20,522,700	56,825,200
Mobile Homes-U	MHU	10	273,600	229,000	44,600	273,600
Mobile Homes-L	MHL	17	2,051,300	683,300	1,368,000	2,051,300
Seasonal I	S1	5	207,500	0	207,500	207,500
Seasonal II	S2	28	3,638,100	243,300	3,394,800	3,638,100
Commercial	C	6	836,800	0	836,800	836,800
Commercial Apts	CA	0	0	0	0	0
Industrial	I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E	UE	2	2,287,300	0	2,287,300	2,287,300
Utilities-G	UG	0	0	0	0	0
Farm	F	7	3,469,400	2,037,800	1,431,600	3,469,400
Other	O	0	0	0	0	0
Woodland	W	7	618,500	0	618,500	618,500
Miscellaneous	M	53	2,848,900	6,800	2,842,100	2,848,900
TOTAL LISTED REAL		477	96,891,700	57,526,100	39,365,600	96,891,700
P.P. Cable		1	545,551		545,551	545,551
P.P. Equipment		0	0			
P.P. Inventory		0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.		1	545,551		545,551	545,551
TOTAL LISTED VALUE			97,437,251	57,526,100	39,911,151	97,437,251
EXEMPTIONS						
Veterans 10K		3/3	30,000	30,000	0	30,000
Veterans >10K			90,000			
Total Veterans			120,000	30,000	0	30,000
P.P. Contracts		1	545,551			
Contract Apprv VEPC		0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered		1/1	256,600	0	256,600	256,600
Non-Apprv (voted)		0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax		0/0	0			
Total Contracts		2/1	802,151	0	256,600	256,600
FarmStab Apprv VEPC		0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered		0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv (voted)		0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax		0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr		0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use		72/72	6,821,100	1,853,000	4,968,100	6,821,100
Special Exemptions		1		0	679,800	679,800
Partial Statutory		0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions			7,743,251	1,853,000	5,904,500	7,787,500
Total Exemptions			7,743,251	1,853,000	5,904,500	7,787,500
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST			896,940.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST				556,431.00	340,066.51	896,497.51
NON-TAX 14 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411						

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND Balance Sheet
Year Ending June 30, 2021

ASSETS

Cash - unrestricted	\$67,465
Cash - restricted	132,575
Delinquent taxes receivable (principal only)	123,670

TOTAL ASSETS **\$323,710**

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Payroll taxes/retirement payable	5,126	
Property tax credits payable	706	
Total Liabilities		\$5,832

Fund Balance - unrestricted	185,303	
Fund Balance - restricted	<u>132,575</u>	
Total fund balance		\$317,877

TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE **\$323,710**

Statement of Taxes Raised - Principal Only
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

GRAND LIST as of 7/22/2020 411report **\$88,517,000**

1% of Grand List 885,170

Allocation

Town Tax Rate	0.4410	390,360
Highway Tax Rate	0.3660	323,972
School Tax Rates:		
Resident	1.6326	616,727
Non-Resident	1.6355	567,976
State Payable		270,678

Total Taxes Assessed 2,169,713

Abatements & Adjustments 669

Less: Current Year Taxes Collected 2,131,623

Principal Taxes Receivable for FY20/21 **\$38,759**

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Addendum to Municipal Facilities Town Building Reserve Account
For Year Ending June 30, 2021

	Amount
Balance as of June 30, 2020	298,568.00
RECEIPTS:	
Town Allotment	50,000.00
Interest Earned	212.61
TOTAL REVENUE	50,212.61
EXPENDITURES:	
Long Trail Engineering	Stevenson re-engineer 630.00
Keefe & Wessner Architects	MTSHS feasibility study 1,365.00
Keefe & Wessner Architects	Design Development 9,000.00
Keefe & Wessner Architects	Building Estimate 1,800.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12,795.00
Muni Fac Town Building Reserve balance as of 6/30/21	335,985.61

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SUPPORTING SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FUND CASH FLOW FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT				GF Highway Surplus	MUNICIPAL FACILITIES			GF Tax Stabilization	Record Surcharge	GENERAL FUND					GF	Total			
	Equipment	Paving	Recycling	Reappraisal		Highway	Town Bldg	Town Surplus	Transfer Station		Record Price	Cemetery	Cons. Comm.	Computer Tech	Audit Reserve	Vol Fire Dept		Bridge	Misc	
Balance as of June 30, 2020	62,680	28,983	4,340	70,073	0	64,182	298,568	43,394	7,500	0	10,093	20,635	7,960	200	2,909	1,268	49,050	19,843	2,089	693,767
Receipts																				
Interest	46	60	9	154	-	46	213	31	5		(10,093)	10,093					9			573
Record Srchg \$ move to Preservation																				0
Reappraisal Income - St of Vt	8,387	40,000	554	4,665		20,000	50,000	24,745	10,000			2,303	157	200	366	5,000	21,040	1,000		4,665
Reserve Surplus from Budgets																				159,007
End of Year Excess Distribution	1,183									10,000										35,928
TOTAL RECEIPTS	9,616	40,060	563	4,818	-	20,046	50,213	24,776	10,005	10,000	(10,093)	12,396	157	200	366	5,000	21,040	1,009		200,173
Expenditures																				
Record Preservation												696								696
Equipment : Ford F350 1 Ton	40,559			993																40,559
Reappraisal: Lister Computer																				993
Town Building							12,795													12,795
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	40,559	-	-	993	-	-	12,795	-	-	-	-	696	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,043
Balance as of June 30, 2021	31,737	69,043	4,903	73,898	0	84,228	335,986	68,170	17,505	10,000	0	32,335	8,117	400	3,275	6,268	70,090	20,852	2,089	838,897

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Taxes			
Current Taxes Assessed/Received	2,169,713	2,131,623	(38,090)
School \$ from Town	1,184,703	1,170,395	(14,308)
State VT	270,678	285,655	14,977
Town Taxes Net- Current	714,332	675,573	(38,759)
Other Revenues			
Delinquent Tax	30,000	63,648	33,648
Interest on Delinquent taxes	5,000	21,909	16,909
Penalties on Delinquent taxes	2,500	6,565	4,065
State of Vermont - Highway	48,000	50,669	2,669
State of Vermont - Current Use	44,000	49,540	5,540
State of Vermont - Traffic Fines		736	736
Highway Grant Revenue BR0695 Spruce Knob	40,000	39,728	(272)
Highway Grant Revenue Other		13,085	
Licenses & Permits	7,000	13,255	6,255
Cramton Fund - receipts	2,000	1,913	(87)
Copeland Milk Fund - receipts	6,000	6,000	-
Interest	300	204	(96)
Other/Bank Fees		24	24
Recycling Receipts	750	750	-
Transfer Station Fees	20,000	24,525	4,525
Special Trash Fees	1,000	1,380	380
Total OTHER Revenue	206,550	293,932	87,382
TOTAL REVENUE (Net taxes plus Other)	920,882	969,505	48,623
EXPENDITURES			
General Government			
Salary - Town Clerk	27,500	27,500	(0)
Salary - Town Treasurer	17,500	17,500	0
Salary - Delinquent Tax Collector	3,900	3,900	-
Salary - Selectboard	5,200	5,200	-
Salary - Constable	-	-	-
Salary - Listers	8,250	5,789	2,461
Salary - Animal Control Officer/EMD	250	250	-
Law Enforcement	24,500	24,206	294
Salary - Auditors	2,000	1,703	298
Payroll Taxes	6,000	6,022	(22)
Independent Audit (Reserve)	5,000	5,000	-
Salary - Assistant Town Clerk	500	-	500
Salary - Assistant Town Treasurer	3,000	-	3,000
Clerical	1,500	-	1,500
Computer Technology (Reserve)	6,500	6,500	-
Elections	6,000	10,473	(4,473)
Street Lights	4,500	4,393	107

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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Telephone	3,000	2,685	315
Office Rent	5,100	5,100	-
Office Supplies	2,000	1,972	28
Copier Expense	1,500	1,103	397
Bank Charges	-	10	(10)
Town Report	4,000	3,950	50
Record Preservation (Reserve)	-	-	-
Education/Conferences	500	-	500
Mileage	800	790	10
Town Office Security	500	352	148
Postage	2,000	1,360	640
Legal	7,000	1,555	5,445
Website Maintenance	400	218	182
Office Maintenance	-	-	-
Tax Map Updates	-	-	-
Lister Expenses	500	531	(31)
Solid Waste - Contract	18,000	17,702	298
Solid Waste - Wages	11,500	11,470	30
Solid Waste - Other	1,500	2,357	(857)
Solid Waste State Plan	3,200	3,360	(160)
Solid Waste - Electric	1,500	1,647	(147)
Solid Waste - Non-Regular Disposal	4,000	5,083	(1,083)
Solid Waste - Recycling	12,000	10,956	1,044
SubTotal Solid Waste	51,700	52,575	(875)
Insurance - Property & Liability	18,000	10,323	7,677
Insurance-Unemployment	550	350	200
Insurance - Workmen's Comp.	18,000	13,433	4,567
Miscellaneous	500	364	136
VLCT - Dues	1,900	1,991	(91)
Planning Commission Dues	975	975	-
Rutland County Tax	7,500	6,140	1,360
Public Notices	1,500	-	1,500
Old Cemetery (Reserve)	3,000	3,000	-
VFD Facilities (Reserve)	25,000	25,000	-
Library	27,772	27,772	-
Municipal Facilities - Transfer Station (Reserve)	10,000	10,000	-
Town Property Maintenance	1,800	2,366	(566)
Conservation Commission (Reserve)	200	200	-
Town Excess		34,745	(34,745)
Town Building (Reserve)	50,000	50,000	(0)
West Street Town Property	5,000	-	5,000
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES	372,797	377,295	(4,498)
Dues/Organizations			
Poultney Rescue Squad	7,450	7,450	-
First Response	3,000	-	3,000
Rutland Area Visiting Nurses Assn.	1,500	1,500	-
Vermont Green Up	50	50	-
Rutland Area Community Service	867	867	-

Town of Middletown Springs
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**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	2020-2021 Budget	2020-2021 Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	750	750	-
Bennington-Rutland Opportunity Council	200	200	-
Center for Independent Living	100	100	-
Vermont RCDC	100	100	-
Poultney Community League	400	400	-
Regional Ambulance Service	375	375	-
M.S. Volunteer Fire Dept.	79,500	79,500	-
NewStory Center	200	200	-
Rutland County Humane Society	125	125	-
R.S.V.P.	200	200	-
Poultney/Mettowee Watershed	500	500	-
Neighbor Works	400	400	-
ARC	500	500	-
Rutland CO Parent/Child Center	100	100	-
VT Assn of Blind	300	300	-
American Red Cross	250	250	-
Mentor Connector	200	200	-
Child Advocacy Center	400	400	-
Pleasant View Cemetery Assoc.	1,500	1,500	-
Regional Marketing Initiative	740	740	-
Memorial Day Parade	-	-	-
Front Porch Forum	150	150	-
Big Heavy World	250	250	-
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	100,107	97,107	3,000
Highway			
Payroll Class II	2,300	1,783	517
Payroll Class III	40,250	30,594	9,656
Payroll Maintenance	7,700	9,953	(2,253)
Payroll Winter II	3,100	5,245	(2,145)
Payroll Winter III	31,500	32,159	(659)
Payroll Winter Maintenance	8,500	11,201	(2,701)
Payroll Tax	9,000	10,193	(1,193)
Payroll Administrative	4,700	4,794	(94)
Payroll Holiday	4,500	3,123	1,377
Payroll Comp Used	2,050	1,008	1,042
Payroll Sick Pay	1,350	666	684
Payroll Vacation	4,300	3,535	765
Payroll Personal	600	-	600
Payroll Building Maintenance & Grounds	3,000	2,674	327
Road Commissioner	4,500	3,785	715
Highway Mileage	800	471	329
Insurance - Health	18,600	19,016	(416)
Traffic Control	500	-	500
VMERS	6,950	5,613	1,337
Subtotal Highway Payroll	154,200	145,813	8,387
Garage - Rent	3,600	3,600	-
Garage - Electric	450	509	(59)
Garage - Heat	2,500	1,166	1,334

Town of Middletown Springs
TREASURER'S REPORT

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	2020-2021	2020-2021	Variance
	Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable)
Garage - Phone	700	654	46
Computer Technology	300	-	300
Equipment-(Reserve)	20,000	21,183	(1,183)
Consulting	500	-	500
Property Rental	2,400	2,400	-
Spruce Knob Grant Project BR0695 Fall 2020		68,249	
Gravel - Bank run	5,000	6,290	(1,290)
Gravel - Processed	20,000	30,185	(10,185)
Riprap	5,000	5,916	(916)
Road Fabric	1,500	-	1,500
Culverts	3,000	990	2,011
Street Signage	500	509	(9)
Miscellaneous	3,000	5,563	(2,563)
Bridge Repair (Reserve)	1,000	1,000	-
Mowing	5,000	7,626	(2,626)
Resurfacing/Cold Patch	500	-	500
Sand	25,000	16,864	8,136
Salt	15,000	13,785	1,215
Calcium	3,000	2,790	210
Guardrails	2,000	-	2,000
Tree Trimming	2,000	1,500	500
Highway Fees/Permits	3,000	2,940	60
Highway Public Notices	500		
Highway Surplus (Reserve)	-	-	-
Paving (Reserve)	40,000	40,000	-
FACILITY Projects (Reserve)	20,000	20,000	-
Backhoe Payment	27,000	26,911	89
Repairs/Parts - Grader	5,000	16,810	(11,810)
Repairs/Parts - 1 Ton Ford F350	3,500	543	2,957
Repairs/Parts/Other	-	875	(875)
Sander/Plow - 1 Ton Ford F350	1,500	320	1,180
Repairs/Parts/Purchase - Small Equipment	3,300	4,550	(1,250)
Repairs/Parts 1984 Loader	5,000	113	4,887
Sander/Plow - 7600 International	3,000	4,560	(1,560)
Gas/Diesel/Fluids	25,000	25,913	(913)
Repairs/Parts 7600 International	7,000	2,334	4,666
Repairs/Parts - 2016 Freightliner	6,000	8,116	(2,116)
Sander/Plow 2016 Freightliner	2,000	380	1,620
Repairs/Parts JCB Backhoe	5,000	278	4,722
Repairs/Parts New Tandem		178	
Sander/Plow New Tandem		480	
Contract Labor - Hauling	6,000	2,440	3,560
Contract Labor - Rental	8,000	-	8,000
Contract Labor-Plowing	500	770	(270)
Contract Labor - Other	500	-	500
Total Highway Expenditures ALL	447,950	495,102	(47,152)
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES (town plus highway)	920,854	969,505	(48,651)

Town of Middletown Springs
HIGHWAY PROJECT - Federal/State Reimbursement

VT Better Roads Grant Program
BR0695 - Spruce Knob Project - FALL 2020
Grant Secured and Project Managed by Bill Reed

Expenditures:

Materials/Services:

Brown	3,356.00
Carrera	2,407.00
Ferguson	5,260.39
Hadeka	162.00
Lakes Region Tree	700.00
Mars	22,686.00
McLellan	4,650.00
Waite's	7,010.00
We Dig It	3,200.00

Total Materials	49,431.39
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Middletown Springs PAYROLL	8,817.77
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Total Tangible Expenses	68,249.16
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TOWN Equipment Useage	22,066.24
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TOTAL PROJECT BR0695	90,315.40
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Vtrans Better Roads Grant Award	39,728.00
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BALANCE TOWN MATCH	50,587.40
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**Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

**JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021
Net Expenditures**

Achey, S	3,249.80	Gorman, L	96.27
Adirondack	1,049.15	Grant's Village Store	96.55
Airgas	132.90	GMP	6,548.53
Allstates Construction	2,790.00	Green Up Vermont	50.00
American Red Cross	250.00	Grier, H	1,565.35
APEX	235.00	Grimm, S	744.62
ARC	500.00	Hadeka Stone	162.00
ATG Westminster	1,269.40	Handy, S & P	810.92
Autosaver Ford	11,613.00	Harrington, S	49.00
BCBSVT	9,463.08	Haynes, C	963.05
Beckwith, K	140.68	Hemenway, D	49.00
Big Heavy World	250.00	Hemenway, P	1,602.49
BROC	200.00	Highwinds Leasing	1,103.30
Brown's	23,775.00	House, D	3,571.62
Burch-Clay, J	595.23	Hubbard	25,677.10
Bushnell, K	14,510.93	IDS	117.70
Cargill	13,785.65	Irving Energy	524.33
Carr, B	45.84	James P. Mars Builder	52,103.50
Carrara	340.00	JCB Finance	26,911.04
Casella Recycling	6,932.12	JP Carrara & Sons	2,407.00
Castle, L	14,705.10	Keefe & Wesner	12,165.00
Centerline Architects	3,960.00	Kenyon, P	9,373.87
Champlain Valley Equipment	360.18	Keyser FUEL	86.16
Chappel Tractor Sales, Inc.	1,790.00	Kimball Midwest	1,813.45
Chesnut-Tangerman, M	5,330.64	Kniffen, R	664.92
Chesnut-Tangerman, R	67.87	Kofile Preservation	671.13
Child First Advocacy Center	400.00	Lakes Region Tree Care	700.00
Childress, H	381.05	LHS	6,032.60
Clark, B	51,107.47	Long Trail Engineering	630.00
Clark, B H SA	9,444.24	Luce Farms	1,500.00
Clark, C	1,004.36	Lyle Welding	5,275.00
Collaboration 133	199.99	Maine Oxy	501.96
Combined Insurance	108.72	Marcell Oil	23,139.83
Cooper, E	210.93	Martelle Property	1,320.00
Countryside Lock	341.41	McLellan, C	17,450.00
Dean, N	18.38	Mentor Connector	200.00
DEAR Inc	3,600.00	Microsoft 365	105.99
Doran Brothers	1,260.00	Middletown Springs Fire Department	79,500.00
Doyle, K	49.00	Middletown Springs Historical Society	5,100.00
Earles Truck Repair	6,496.86	Middletown Springs Public Library	3,141.88
Eastern Sales	270.00	Miller, E	1,638.49
Fairfield, H.P.	3,300.00	Miller, R III	142.33
Feeley, K	111.74	Morgan, M	142.40
Fenton, C.	63.03	Moyer, G	9,994.55
Ferguson Waterworks	6,624.67	Music Mountain Compost	350.00
Fox Brothers Farm	120.00	Neighborworks	400.00
Francois, E	140.00	NEMRC	6,237.10
Freilich, E	11.46	Newstory Center	200.00
Freilich, T	57.30	Parker, R	6,133.53
Front Porch Forum	150.00	Parker, R (lawn mower reimburse)	75.00
Garland's Agway	74.49	Pete's Tire Barn	12,576.50
Gaylord, K	49.00	Petty Cash	30.00
Gilmore Home Center	177.87	Pleasant View Cemetery	1,500.00
Good Point Recycling	211.65	Postmaster	1,400.20
Goodway Document Svcs	15.00	Poultney Auto Supply	6,854.82

**Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD ORDERS ITEMIZED**

JULY 1, 2020 - JUNE 30, 2021

Net Expenditures cont.

Poultney Community League	400.00	Tractor Supply	1,180.27
Poultney Mettowee Watershed	500.00	Treasurer, County of Rutland	6,139.65
Poultney Rescue Squad	7,450.00	Trend Business Solutions	471.60
Quick Print of Rutland	1,835.25	United States Treasury	47,372.91
RAVNA	1,500.00	Vaillancourt Tree Service	1,500.00
Redfield, T	1,608.24	Viper	83.88
Redfield, T (reimbursement)	4.99	VLCT	2,047.00
Reed, D	2,400.00	VLCTM AC	28.00
Reed, W	53,146.37	VLCTPACIF	24,755.50
Reed, W - (reimb mileage & mowing)	1,022.40	VLCTUI	350.00
Regional Ambulance Service	375.00	VMCTA	35.00
RSVP	200.00	VMERS	9,345.85
Rubinstein, N	181.98	VT Association of the Blind	300.00
Russell, N	1,118.02	VT Center for Independent Living	100.00
Rutland Area Community Services	867.00	VT DEC - Watershed Management	2,940.00
Rutland Chamber of Commerce	740.00	VT Department of Health	10.00
Rutland County Sheriff's Dept	24,206.49	Vt Department of Liquor Control	70.00
Rutland Humane Society	125.00	VT Department of Taxes	4,235.87
Rutland Parent Child Center	100.00	VT Digital	1,993.49
Rutland Regional Planning Commission	975.00	VT RCDC	100.00
Schwaab	187.23	VT State Treasurer	980.00
Silver, L	143.55	VTEL	3,338.79
Sperling, J	45.84	Waites Foundation	7,010.00
Squire, W	250.00	We Dig It	3,200.00
Staples	1,404.36	Weatherhogg, T	318.61
SW Agency on Aging	750.00	Webber, Chapman & Kupferer	1,554.75
SWAC	4,150.18	Wells Spring UUSD	1,170,395.01
Swenor, C & M	1,575.14	White, G	568.65
Talke Munyak, J	15,346.44	Wholesale Distributors	1,584.00
Talke Munyak, J (mileage/office supplies)	1,007.19	Williams Hardware	773.82
Tarbell, R	885.00	Winmill Equipment CO	3,443.03
Tournet, C	94.84	Winning Image Graphix	290.00

Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL BUDGET

	FY 2021 Budget	FY2021 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget
Revenue				
Tax Related				
Property Taxes	\$714,332	\$675,573	\$714,405	TBD
Delinquent Tax	\$30,000	\$63,648	\$30,000	\$15,000
Interest-Delinquent Taxes	\$5,000	\$21,909	\$5,000	\$2,500
Penalties-Delinquent Taxes	\$2,500	\$6,565	\$2,500	\$1,250
Tax Sale Attorney Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Tax Related	\$751,832	\$767,695	\$751,905	\$18,750
State of Vermont				
Vermont Highway	\$48,000	\$50,669	\$49,500	\$53,000
Vermont Current Use	\$44,000	\$49,540	\$46,000	\$50,000
Vermont Other/Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Traffic Fines	\$0	\$736	\$0	\$0
Grant Revenue - Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Grant Rev - Highway	\$0	\$13,085	\$0	\$46,100
Grant Revenue - Highway	\$40,000	\$39,728	\$40,000	\$0
Total State of Vermont	\$132,000	\$153,758	\$135,500	\$149,100
Fees and Permits				
Fees and Permits	\$7,000	\$819	\$7,000	\$10,000
Town Clerk Services	\$0	\$11,440	\$0	\$0
Dog Licenses	\$0	\$886	\$0	\$0
Liquor Licenses	\$0	\$70	\$0	\$0
Copier Fees	\$0	\$920	\$0	\$0
Fish & Wildlife	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dog Surcharge	\$0	(\$880)	\$0	\$0
Preservation Surcharge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Fees & Permits	\$7,000	\$13,255	\$7,000	\$10,000
Other Revenue				
Recycling Receipts	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$1,000
Cramton Fund	\$2,000	\$1,913	\$2,000	\$2,000
Copeland Milk Fund	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Interest-Investments	\$300	\$204	\$200	\$200
Other	\$0	\$9	\$0	\$0
Transfer Station Fees	\$20,000	\$24,525	\$21,000	\$24,000
Special Trash Fees	\$1,000	\$1,380	\$2,000	\$1,500
Bank Fees	\$0	\$15	\$0	\$0
Total Other Revenue	\$30,050	\$34,796	\$31,950	\$34,700
Total Revenue	\$920,882	\$969,504	\$926,355	\$212,550
General Government				
Salaries				
Town Clerk	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$27,500	\$28,325
Town Treasurer	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$18,025
Tax Collector	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$4,020
Selectboard	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200	\$5,200
Listers	\$8,250	\$5,789	\$8,250	\$8,500
Animal Control Officer	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$275
Law Enforcement	\$24,500	\$24,206	\$24,750	\$0

Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL BUDGET

	FY 2021 Budget	FY2021 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget
General Government cont.				
Salaries				
Accounting/Auditors	\$2,000	\$1,703	\$2,000	\$2,000
Payroll Taxes	\$6,000	\$6,022	\$6,000	\$6,180
Independent Audit	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Assistant Town Clerk	\$500	\$0	\$3,000	\$6,000
Assistant Treasurer	\$3,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,100
Total Salaries	\$103,600	\$97,070	\$104,350	\$84,625
Other				
Clerical	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Computer Technology	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$8,500
Elections	\$6,000	\$10,473	\$4,000	\$7,500
Planning Commission	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Street Lights	\$4,500	\$4,393	\$4,500	\$4,500
Telephone/Internet	\$3,000	\$2,685	\$3,000	\$3,000
Office Rent	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100
Office Supplies	\$2,000	\$1,972	\$2,000	\$2,000
Copier Expense	\$1,500	\$1,103	\$1,500	\$2,000
Bank Charges	\$0	\$10	\$0	\$0
Town Report	\$4,000	\$3,950	\$4,000	\$4,000
Record Preservation	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Conferences	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Mileage	\$800	\$790	\$1,000	\$1,000
Office Security	\$500	\$352	\$500	\$500
Postage	\$2,000	\$1,360	\$2,000	\$2,000
Legal	\$7,000	\$1,555	\$7,000	\$7,000
Website Maintenance	\$400	\$218	\$400	\$650
Office Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
Tax Map Updates	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Lister Expenses	\$500	\$531	\$500	\$500
Total Other	\$45,800	\$40,992	\$46,000	\$51,250
Solid Waste				
Solid Waste Hauling & Tipping fees	\$18,000	\$17,702	\$20,000	\$20,000
Solid Waste Wages	\$11,500	\$11,470	\$11,750	\$12,100
Solid Waste Sanitation	\$1,500	\$2,357	\$1,500	\$1,500
Solid Waste SWAC Fees	\$3,200	\$3,360	\$3,500	\$3,700
Solid Waste Electric	\$1,500	\$1,647	\$1,750	\$1,750
Solid Waste Non-Regular Trash Disposal	\$4,000	\$5,083	\$4,500	\$5,000
Solid Waste Recycling	\$12,000	\$10,956	\$13,000	\$12,000
Total Solid Waste	\$51,700	\$52,575	\$56,000	\$56,050
Insurance				
Property & Liability	\$18,000	\$10,323	\$17,000	\$15,000
Unemployment	\$550	\$350	\$750	\$650
Workers' Compensation	\$18,000	\$13,433	\$17,000	\$16,000
Total Insurance	\$36,550	\$24,106	\$34,750	\$31,650
General Expenses				
Miscellaneous	\$500	\$364	\$500	\$1,000
VLCT Dues	\$1,900	\$1,991	\$2,000	\$2,100
Planning Commission Dues	\$975	\$975	\$975	\$1,000

Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL BUDGET

	FY 2021 Budget	FY2021 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget
General Government cont.				
General Expenses				
Rutland County Tax	\$7,500	\$6,140	\$7,500	\$7,600
Public Notices	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
Old Cemetery	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Firehouse Facilities Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Library	\$27,772	\$27,772	\$27,772	\$29,000
MuniFac Transfer Reserve	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Town Property Maintenance	\$1,800	\$2,366	\$1,800	\$2,000
Conservation Commission	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Town Excess	\$0	\$34,745	\$0	\$0
Total General Expenses	\$80,147	\$112,553	\$80,247	\$82,400
Corner Property				
General	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Total Corner Property	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Town Projects				
Town Projects—West Street	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total Town Projects	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total General Government	\$372,797	\$377,295	\$376,347	\$360,975
Highway				
Payroll				
Payroll Class II	\$2,300	\$1,783	\$2,350	\$2,400
Payroll Class III	\$40,250	\$30,594	\$41,050	\$32,300
Payroll Maintenance	\$7,700	\$9,953	\$8,000	\$10,000
Payroll Winter II	\$3,100	\$5,245	\$3,100	\$5,000
Payroll Winter III	\$31,500	\$32,159	\$32,000	\$33,000
Payroll Winter Maintenance	\$8,500	\$11,201	\$8,700	\$11,000
Payroll Taxes	\$9,000	\$10,193	\$10,000	\$10,600
Road Commissioner	\$4,500	\$3,785	\$4,500	\$4,500
Health Insurance	\$18,600	\$19,016	\$20,000	\$20,000
Traffic Control	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Payroll—Administrative	\$4,700	\$4,794	\$4,800	\$5,000
VMERS Employer	\$6,950	\$5,613	\$7,000	\$7,000
Payroll—Holiday	\$4,500	\$3,123	\$4,500	\$4,000
Payroll—Comp Time Used	\$2,050	\$1,008	\$2,000	\$2,000
Payroll—Sick Pay	\$1,350	\$665	\$1,300	\$1,500
Payroll—Vacation	\$4,300	\$3,535	\$4,300	\$3,600
Payroll—Personal Days	\$600	\$0	\$600	\$500
Road Commissioner—Mileage	\$800	\$471	\$800	\$800
Total Payroll	\$151,200	\$143,139	\$155,500	\$153,700
Garage				
Rent	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$3,600
Electric	\$450	\$509	\$500	\$550
Heat	\$2,500	\$1,166	\$2,500	\$2,500
Phone	\$700	\$654	\$700	\$700
Computer Technology	\$300	\$0	\$300	\$1,000
Building & Grounds Maintenance	\$3,000	\$2,674	\$3,000	\$3,000
Capital Improvements/Equipment	\$20,000	\$21,183	\$20,000	\$20,000

Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL BUDGET

	FY 2021 Budget	FY2021 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget
Highway cont.				
Garage				
Consulting	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$8,000
Property Rental	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400
Total Garage	\$33,450	\$32,186	\$33,500	\$41,750
 Road Maintenance				
Bank Run Gravel	\$5,000	\$6,290	\$5,000	\$5,000
Processed Gravel	\$20,000	\$30,185	\$20,000	\$25,000
Rip Rap & Ditching Stone	\$5,000	\$5,916	\$5,000	\$6,000
Road Fabric	\$1,500	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Culverts & Catch Basins	\$3,000	\$990	\$3,000	\$4,500
Street Signage	\$500	\$509	\$1,000	\$250
Miscellaneous	\$3,000	\$5,563	\$3,000	\$1,500
Mowing	\$5,000	\$7,626	\$5,000	\$6,000
Bridge Repairs & Debt	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Resurfacing	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Winter Sand & Stone	\$25,000	\$16,864	\$25,000	\$22,500
Salt	\$15,000	\$13,786	\$15,000	\$16,000
Calcium	\$3,000	\$2,790	\$3,000	\$3,000
Guardrails	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$1,500
Tree Trimming	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$3,500
Backhoe Payment	\$27,000	\$26,911	\$27,000	\$0
Anticipated Better Roads Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$57,650
Highway Grant 0695 - 2021	\$0	\$68,249	\$0	\$0
Highway Public Notices	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Paving Reserve	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Tandem Freightliner Payment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$32,000
Construction Permits/Highway Fees	\$3,000	\$2,940	\$3,000	\$3,000
Hiway Capital Projects Reserve	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Shop Supplies - (New FY2022)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Total Road Maintenance	\$182,000	\$251,118	\$181,000	\$252,400
 Repairs & Parts				
Grader	\$5,000	\$16,810	\$12,000	\$5,000
GMC 2012 1-ton / Ford F350 2020	\$3,500	\$543	\$1,500	\$1,500
Other	\$0	\$875	\$0	\$500
Sander/Plow 1-ton / Ford F350 2020	\$1,500	\$320	\$1,000	\$500
Small Equipment Repair & Purchase	\$3,300	\$4,550	\$3,300	\$3,000
Loader	\$5,000	\$113	\$2,500	\$2,500
Sander/Plow 7600	\$3,000	\$4,560	\$3,000	\$2,000
Gas, Diesel, & Fluids	\$25,000	\$25,913	\$25,000	\$27,500
7600 International	\$7,000	\$2,334	\$5,000	\$5,000
Freightliner 2016	\$6,000	\$8,116	\$6,000	\$5,000
Sander/Plow Freightliner 2016	\$2,000	\$380	\$2,000	\$2,000
JCB Backhoe	\$5,000	\$278	\$4,000	\$3,000
Tandem Freightliner 2021		\$178	\$0	\$500
Sander/Plow - Freightliner 2021		\$480	\$0	\$500
Total Repairs & Parts	\$66,300	\$65,450	\$65,300	\$58,500
 Contract Labor				
Hauling	\$6,000	\$2,440	\$6,000	\$4,000
Rental	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$5,000
Plowing	\$500	\$770	\$500	\$1,500

Town of Middletown Springs
SELECTBOARD PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 GENERAL BUDGET

	FY 2021 Budget	FY2021 Actual	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2023 Budget
Highway cont.				
Garage				
Other	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Total Contract Labor	\$15,000	\$3,210	\$15,000	\$11,000
Total Highway	\$447,950	\$495,102	\$450,300	\$517,350
 Appropriations				
Poultney Rescue Squad	\$7,450	\$7,450	\$7,450	\$7,940
First Response	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Visiting Nurses' Association	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Vermont Green Up	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50
Community Care Network	\$867	\$867	\$867	\$867
Southwestern VT Council on Aging	\$750	\$750	\$750	\$750
BROC Community Action	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
VT Center for Independent Living	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Poultney Community League	\$400	\$400	\$0	\$0
Rutland Regional Ambulance Service	\$375	\$375	\$375	\$375
Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Ass'n	\$79,500	\$79,500	\$79,500	\$81,885
New Story	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Rutland County Humane Society	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125
RSVP & The Volunteer Center	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Poultney-Mettowee Watershed	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Neighborworks	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
ARC/Advocacy•Resources•Community	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Rutland County Parent/Child Center	\$100	\$100	\$400	\$400
VT Association of the Blind	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
American Red Cross	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Mentor Connector	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Child First Advocacy Center	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
Pleasant View Cemetery Association	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
CEDR - Rutland Marketing Initiative	\$740	\$740	\$745	\$745
Front Porch Forum	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150
Big Heavy World	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
Vermont Family Network	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$250
Habitat for Humanity	\$0	\$0	\$350	\$350
Rutland County Restorative Justice Center	\$0	\$0	\$250	\$250
Vermont Farmers Food Center	\$0	\$0	\$500	\$500
Total Appropriations	\$100,107	\$97,107	\$98,362	\$101,237

Town of Middletown Springs COPELAND MEMORIAL CHURCH FUND

The Copeland Memorial Church Fund was established in 1922 by Henry C. Copeland in memory of his parents, Lucious and Minerva Copeland. Use of the disbursement of funds by the Congregational Church include general use expenses, repairs, adding new church buildings, purchasing books for the church, supporting charitable activities, and for other purposes in line of the Church work as approved by the committee of trustees. Below is the Committee Report.

	<u>July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019</u>	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 21</u>
Beginning Balances	243,248.84	143,273.63	136,364.17
Deposits, investments transferred in			104,516.63
Withdrawals, fees, investments out	*-107,772.88	*-1,881.12	-12,486.53
Dividend and interest income	8,796.68	5,719.28	5,930.86
Change in market value	-999.01	-10,747.62	61,569.99
Ending Balances	*143,273.63	*136,364.17	295,895.12

Note: FY 2021 Deposit of \$104,516.63 represents the return of a previous year's withdrawal for the purchase of a parsonage. That purchase was never executed.

*Error was made in data entry in the 2021 Town Report. These figures are the correct numbers.

Trustees: Dan Ellingsen, Dale Carr, Rita Hansen

Respectfully submitted, *Rita Hansen*



**Town of Middletown Springs
COPELAND MILK FUND**

	<u>FY20</u>	<u>FY21</u>
BEGINNING BALANCE	(July 1, 2019)	(July 1, 2020)
INVESTMENTS	\$ 493,956.75	487,515.88
MONEY MARKET CHECKING	3,767.12	3,768.02
 DISTRIBUTIONS		
Town of Middletown Springs	6,000.00	6,000.00
Producer Distribution	6,000.00	6,000.00
Producer Loan	24,000.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	100.00
 ENDING BALANCE	(June 30, 2020)	(June 30, 2021)
INVESTMENTS	\$ 487,515.88	\$ 621,764.56
MONEY MARKET CHECKING	3,768.02	9,769.61

TRUSTEES:

Carl P. Haynes Terry Redfield Rodney Tarbell

COPELAND CEMETERY FUND
no report this year



WELCOME TO TOWN!

Middletown Springs saw many new people moving to town in the past few years, and with COVID-19 in the mix, had little opportunity to get together and meet each other. It was time to do something.

The whole Middletown Springs community was invited to a gathering at the Springs Park on Sunday, October 10. About 100 met up; new residents as well as our town officials had snacks and chats with neighbors, new and longstanding.

Thank you for everyone who came and for those who helped make it happen!

Town of Middletown Springs PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The trustees of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association once again offer our sincere thanks and appreciation to the voters of the town of Middletown Springs for your generous support of our 2021 Town Meeting funding request. Your support is a tremendous help to us as we strive to not only preserve and maintain this beautiful site, but also to make gradual, meaningful improvements as best we can.

Unfortunately, due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to enlist the assistance of the Middletown Springs Elementary School 5-th and 6-th grade students in our annual spring clean-up again last April. With much appreciation, thanks to help from Charlotte and Norvin Baker, Kyla Redfield, and Brenda Redfield, we were able to do the spring clean-up and make the cemetery presentable for the May 1 opening. Once conditions allow and it is safe for everyone to do so, we are confident that we will be able to resume the mutually-beneficial community-building relationship with our local elementary school students and staff, and continue this project for years to come.

Art Castle continues to serve as the Superintendent and does an outstanding job of working with the various funeral directors, monument and vault companies, family members and prospective lot owners. And we would cease to function without the amazing skills and support from Cathy Colvin, our Secretary/Treasurer for some 40-plus years!!

We are grateful that there are many folks who walk through and enjoy this peaceful setting on a regular basis, and several other folks who also walk their pets and let them enjoy the freedom and safety that this wonderful space offers as well. Please remember to maintain control of your dog(s) and continue to be vigilant in cleaning up after your pets. Dog waste is NEVER acceptable on or around anyone's final resting place.

Thanks again to the voters of Middletown Springs for your generous support. Please consider this Report to serve as our request to be on the 2022 Town Meeting Day ballot again this year. We respectfully request another appropriation of \$1,500.00 for FY 2022/23 from the Town of Middletown Springs if approved by the voters of said Town. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Pleasant View Cemetery Association

Terry Redfield, President
Don Marcy/Alida Tarbell/Art Castle/Alice Hoisington



A snowy day at Pleasant View Cemetery

Town of Middletown Springs
PLEASANT VIEW CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
December 31, 2021

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January 1, 2021	\$6,236.61	
Dividends from Perpetual Care Stock	1,020.58	
Arthur & Daisy Cramton Trust	756.36	
Burials	4,800.00	
Sale of Lots & Cornerstones	6,500.00	
Town of Middletown Springs--2021-2022 Appropriation	1,500.00	
Donation	300.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$21,113.55

DISBURSEMENTS

Green Mountain Boys Landscaping--mowing & trimming	\$4,400.00	
Arthur Castle--Burials	1,200.00	
VT Secretary of State--File Biennial Report	20.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$5,620.00

BALANCE ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2021	\$15,493.55
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PERPETUAL CARE INVESTMENTS

445 Shares George Putnam Fund	\$10,439.70	
240 Shares Foot Locker	10,471.20	
Community Bank--Money Market	5,798.04	
Community Bank--CD	37,929.20	
TD Bank--CD	35,127.90	
TD Bank--Barker Mehuron Account	10,324.90	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		\$110,090.94

TRUSTEES

Alice Hoisington
Arthur Castle
Terry Redfield

Note: Appropriation Request #10 on 2022 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

Louis Library Fund

	<u>FY 19</u>	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 21</u>
Beginning Balance - Investments			
Net Account Balance	603.65	117.33	695.10
Securities	23,433.10	24,065.73	24,220.43
Total Portfolio Equity	24,036.75	24,183.06	24,915.53
Beginning Balance Checking	0	1,160.23	*0
Ending Balance - Investments			
Portfolio			
Net Account Balance	117.33	695.10	673.04
Securities	24,065.73	24,220.43	28,521.16
Total Portfolio Equity	24,183.06	24,915.53	29,194.20
End Balance Checking Account	(2.59)	992.61	0
*Checking closed in 2021- monies folded into Portfolio			
Distributions			
Middletown Springs Library	500.00	*1,000.00	**2,000.00
Bank Charges	51.82	168.66	0
Total Distributions	551.82	1,168.66	2,000.00
* \$1,000 paid in March 2021 for FY20			
**\$2,000 paid in February 2022 for FY21			
Net Fund Balance			\$27,194.20



Summer Story Time at the Library

Town of Middletown Springs
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES

Henderson Fund

	<u>FY 19</u>	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 21</u>
Beginning Balance - Investments Portfolio			
Money Market	2,633.92	4,047.53	5,507.66
Securities	59,169.86	60,934.65	64,978.18
Total Portfolio Equity	61,803.15	64,962.18	70,485.84
Beginning Balance Checking	500.19	(2.59)	*0
 Ending Balance - Investments Portfolio			
Money Market	4,027.53	5,507.66	7,179.27
Securities	60,934.65	64,978.18	72,877.78
Total Portfolio Equity	64,962.18	70,485.84	80,057.05
End Balance Checking Account	(2.59)	0	-
*Checking account closed in 2021 and monies folded into Portfolio			
 Distributions			
Scholarship 1	250.00	*388.50	500.00
Scholarship 2	250.00	*388.50	500.00
Scholarship 3	250.00		500.00
Scholarship 4	250.00		
Scholarship 5	250.00		
Bank charges	51.82	2.59	0
Total Distributions	1,551.82	779.59	1,500.00
*Distributed in March 2021			
 Net Fund Balance			\$78,557.05

**Town of Middletown Springs
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC MONIES**

Matthews/Bigelow Fund

	<u>FY 19</u>	<u>FY 20</u>	<u>FY 21</u>
Beginning Balance - Investments			
Portfolio			
CD/Securities	23,258.15	23,767.79	23,940.32
Total Portfolio Equity	23,258.15	23,767.79	23,940.32
Beginning Balance Checking	25.47	25.58	25.69
Ending Balance - Investments			
Portfolio			
CD/Securities	23,769.79	23,940.32	24,821.70
Total Portfolio Equity	23,769.79	23,940.32	24,821.70
End Balance Checking Account	25.58	25.69	25.69
Distributions			
Middletown Springs First Response	*350.00	350.00	**
Middletown Springs Fire Department	-	-	350.00
Total Distributions	350.00	350.00	350.00

* paid in 2020 for FY19

** Middletown Spring First Response disbanded in 2021



The Middletown Springs Fire Department will now be the recipient of monies from the Matthews/Bigelow Fund to help support trainings.

Town of Middletown Springs

MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & FIRE ASSOCIATION

Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department responded to 41 calls in 2021. The calls consisted of 6 motor vehicle accidents, 8 structure fires, 1 fuel leak in a structure, 3 carbon monoxide alarms, 2 fire alarm activations, 1 furnace malfunction, 7 EMS assists, 1 unattended death recovery, 2 lawnmower fires, 2 illegal burns, 2 calls for smoke in the area, 1 large animal rescue with individuals in cold water, 1 forest fire, 2 grass and brush fires, and 2 trees and wires down. Out of the 41 calls, 22% were mutual aid responses to surrounding areas. All mutual aid calls were structure fires. Thankfully, we only had one minor structure fire in town.

MSVFD currently has five apparatus in operation: one ladder truck, two engine/rescues, one attack truck, and one tanker. The tanker holds 1250 gallons of water and serves a specific purpose for fires of any nature. The ladder and engine/rescues serve multiple purposes such as housing equipment for motor vehicle accidents (including "jaws of life" on all three), medical assists (including a defibrillator), priority one echoes, shutting down roadways, structure fires, accessing roofs, accessing chimneys, accessing trees, and water supply for fires.

The Middletown Springs' 105 foot ladder truck can be set up in under 2 minutes, which means, upon arrival, a roof can be accessed in less than two minutes. The ladder truck can be set up by one person and prevents firefighters from falling through a burning roof, while saving a structure within minutes. In comparison, a 35 ft. ground ladder takes at least 4 minutes and three people to set up. MSVFD is proud to say they have the quickest, safest, highest ladder in the surrounding area.

Like the ladder and engine rescues, the attack truck is a multi-purpose apparatus. Its primary use is for grass and brush fires, but it is capable of being a primary pumper on a structure fire. It is the smallest of the apparatus; allowing it to be used to access an emergency scene involving rough terrain, deep snow and mud. It is equipped with a winch for recoveries of off-road motor vehicles, ATVs, and downed trees/debris.



Our newest apparatus is a 1995 vintage - our oldest apparatus is 1973 vintage. Regardless of age, the MSVFD takes considerable pride in our apparatus. All apparatus is in excellent shape and look new. Additionally all apparatus have a zero-dollar balance. New replacements of these vehicles would total approximately \$3,750,000. The MSVFD plans to resume operation of all the current apparatus. We have no intentions of replacing apparatus in the foreseen future.

Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department held three fundraisers in 2021. MSVFD held a raffle for a crossbow package. Another raffle hosted was for two chances to win a Thanksgiving dinner with farm raised, fresh turkeys, each weighing approximately 28 pounds. The third fundraiser was an online Pampered Chef fundraiser. COVID-19 played a role in all our fundraising activities. The Memorial Day Parade was cancelled for the second year in a row. The Memorial Day concession stand is a big fundraiser for the fire department. Our annual New York City bus trip was cancelled, for the second year in a row. Breakfast With Santa was cancelled, for the second year in a row. Unfortunately, these three fundraisers are the most profitable fundraisers.

The fire department took part in a Fire Safety Day at the Middletown Springs Elementary School. Students of all ages learned the importance of knowing their address, landmarks, when to call 911, escape routes, knowing two ways out, looking for exit signs, looking for AED signs, "firefighter call out" responses, and fire and smoke behavior. Grades 4 through 6 participated in using a fire extinguisher. A mock fire was created, and students were able to go through the PASS steps while engaging a fire extinguisher.

The Middletown Springs Fire Department is always willing to help with community service events. In 2021, MSVFD helped to replace the rope and pulley system on the flagpole on the green. MSVFD hosted Halloween at the Firehouse. MSVFD helped with holiday lights on the tree on the green. MSVFD hosted Santa's Arrival at

Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & FIRE ASSOCIATION

the firehouse.

The MSVFD Board of Trustees is a non-profit organization, which oversees financials, fundraising, and communication for the fire department. After several meetings, the Board of Trustees has decided to request a 3% increase in the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2023. This increase is due to increasing rates in heating fuel, electric, insurances, dispatching, and diesel fuel. Fundraising is unknown for this coming year due to the threat of COVID-19 and CDC guidelines. In 2021, the MSVFD also lost the revenue of \$2400, for First Response rental payments. The 3% increase amounts to \$2,385 bringing the total operating budget request to \$81,885. The current operating budget of \$79,500 has remained consistent for the past 5 years. The increase of \$2,385 will off set the loss in revenue from the First Response rental as well as the increase in rates for utilities, insurances, diesel fuel, and dispatching.

The MSVFD membership meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm. The MSVFD Board of Trustees meets monthly, on the second Wednesday of the month. Please stop by with questions, concerns, information, and volunteer interests. The MSVFD membership and Board of Trustees is committed to building relationships in our town. We will continue to do our best to improve.

We appreciate the support, positive feedback, and communication from the community. We look forward to continuing to help our community in the coming year.



Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & FIRE ASSOCIATION

Profit & Loss

January through December 2021

Ordinary Income		Legal	337.50
Town Quarterly Payment	79,500.00	Loan Payment	10,598.33
Contributions	2,968.00	New Equipment	6,094.74
Fund Raiser 2021	2,239.24	Postage/Stationary/Office Sup	319.03
Air Pack Grant	114,862.14	Propane	
Total	199,569.38	Pump Repair/Testing/Maint	
		Radio Repair	
Expense		Supplies EMS	
Dispatch	2,150.00	Telephone	2,384.85
Truck Replacement Fund		Training & Recruitment	357.83
Accountant	620.00	Turnout Gear	12,878.04
Air Pack	127,920.00	Vehicle Maint #531	1,881.44
Building Maintenance	1,165.52	Vehicle Maint #532	4,930.93
Diesel/Gas	399.04	Vehicle Maint #533	538.05
Electric	2,100.85	Vehicle Maint #534	2,240.80
Equip Maintenance & Repair	1,036.16	Vehicle Maint #535	1,493.27
Equipment Replacement		Hurst Maint	
Fire Fighting Supplies	4,698.69	Air Pack	
Fund Raising/Raffle Expense	488.94	Defiberaltor	
Garage Rental 535	2,200.00	Fit Testing	
Grant Writer	2,500.00	Snow Mobile/Sled Trailer	
Ground Ladder Testing/535	2,038.00	Secretary of State	
Heating Fuel	4,855.53	Total Expense	212,473.86
Heating Fuel Garage Rental	2,477.32		
Insurance	13,770.00	Net Ordinary Income	(12,904.48)

Bank Balances

	Balance 12/31/2020	Balance 12/31/2021
General Operation Checking	9,136.74	4,029.97
General Operation Money Market	18,169.56	9,291.85
Fire Truck Replacement	4,383.35	4,385.36
Total	\$31,689.65	\$17,707.18

Note: Appropriation Request #9 on 2022 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs
POULTNEY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.



Poultney Rescue Squad, Inc. is a paid staff and volunteer agency that consists of three paid employees and seven volunteers. Poultney Rescue responded to 394 calls in 2021. The breakdown of calls is listed below:

Calls in Poultney	279
Calls in Middletown Springs	39
Calls in Tinmouth	2
Mutual Aid given to surrounding towns	74
Total calls taken in 2021	394

We at Poultney Rescue would like to thank the community for your ongoing support! Our mission is to provide emergency care and transport for the members of our community and without your help we could not fulfill this mission.

Poultney Rescue Squad has one fulltime and two part time emergency care providers. Katrina Davenport is going onto her 6th year at PRS as an AEMT/Administrator/fulltime employee. Chad Geno is in his 10th year at PRS as an AEMT/Training Officer/part time employee. Josiah Simons is going on his 4th year at PRS as a part time EMR. We have seven volunteers on our roster that offer their time to help our community when needed.

Poultney Rescue operates two ambulances that are fully equipped for Advance Life Support. Poultney Rescue has a full crew on seven days a week from 8am-6pm. We have volunteer coverage on nights and weekends. Poultney covers the Towns of Poultney, Middletown Springs and a portion of Tinmouth. We also provide mutual aid to surrounding Towns when needed. We encourage any members of the community that are interested in becoming part of the Poultney Rescue Squad to please call us at 802-287-5575. With a Nationwide EMS shortage, members are always needed.

Poultney Rescue consists of a Public Board of Directors that have completed their 3rd year with PRS. President: Walter Ducharme, Vice-President: Kathy Stephenson, Secretary/Treasurer: Deb Hoisington. We would like to thank them for all their time put into helping make PRS run smoothly.

We also would like to thank the volunteers at the Poultney Rescue Squad Thrift Shop for raising funds to help support us. Your time and dedication are greatly appreciated! We would also like to thank Deb Hoisington for overseeing the Thrift Shop and volunteers.

Poultney Rescue offers First Aid and CPR courses. If you need a CPR or First Aid course, please email poultneyrescue70@gmail.com or call 287-5575 with your request.

We look forward to serving the community in 2022. Thank you again for your ongoing support. I would like to thank Poultney Rescue Squad paid & volunteer members for their time and dedication!

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina Davenport
Administrator

Note: Appropriation Request #11 on 2022 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs
POULTNEY RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

Profit and Loss Statement January - December 2021

Income

Insurance	120,074.10
Town Funding:	
Middletown Springs	7,450.00
Poultney	51,480.00
Tinmouth	700.00
Subscriptions	18,405.03
Thrift Shop	16,846.02
Donations/IMO	5,299.47
Rodeo/Special Events	4,420.00
Interest	149.77

Total Income **\$224,824.39**

Expenses

Ambulance Tax	4,774.31
Bank Fee	250.50
Building	5,241.84
Communications	2,650.00
Equipment Replacement	580.47
Facilities & Equipment	3,309.00
Operations	18,642.88
Legal & Prof. Fees	4,600.00
Insurance	30,586.25
Membership	3,277.64
Payroll Expense	127,567.68
Utilities	7,767.72
Vehicle Maint/Gas/Fuel	9,587.95
Ambulance Loan	17,148.00
Thrift Shop Operating Expenses	6,084.88

Total Expenses **\$242,069.12**

Net Loss **(\$17,244.73)**



Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PLANNING COMMISSION

The Middletown Springs Planning Commission meets the first Monday of each month except during July, August, and December. Prior to Covid-19, we met at the town offices. We are currently meeting via Zoom. Please contact us to join our meetings; we would love to have members of the public join us and we are looking for new members!

The main focus of the Middletown Springs Planning Commission is to review and update the town plan which is currently updated every seven years per Vermont Statute. The Planning Commission is preparing to update the Energy section of the town plan this coming year. Town Plan updates usually involve town-wide surveys to gather information from residents. In addition, we offer our services to the Selectboard and the Conservation Commission for any planning related issues and opportunities.

The Planning Commission has been involved in past projects, such as the Middletown Springs Creative Economy grant and has participated in the Real Rutland Campaign. Planning Commission members look forward to engaging with more Middletown Springs residents as we, hopefully, regain abilities for in-person meetings and work in the coming months.

Planning Commission Members: Hilary Solomon and Maynard Yost.

For information about joining the Planning Commission or participating in monthly meetings, please contact Hilary Solomon, hilary@pmnrkd.org.

REPORT FROM THE RUTLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



The Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC) is a resource for towns, a platform for ideas and inspires a vision for our future. We balance local desires, best practices and regional planning for communities that are vibrant today and strong for years to come.

The RRPC and Town of Middletown Springs continued working together in 2021 on many community development initiatives.

If you feel inspired to participate in local or regional planning, want to be paired with opportunities to grow your community, or just want to learn more, please visit or give us a call - we'd love to hear from you!

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Cooperative planning in the region

Town of Middletown Springs
Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region
Annual Town Report
December 31, 2021

It has been a year of change not only in our region, but across the world, with the COVID-19 pandemic impacting nearly every business sector and changing not only the way we do business, but how we live. There are countless reasons why we are proud to call the Rutland Region our home. Perhaps most importantly is the way we have come together as a community and supported one another. Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region (CEDRR) exists to serve our region's families, communities, and businesses, each of which forms a supportive bond for all of us.

The 2020-2021 Annual Report can be found on our CEDRR website as well as in the references provided below. As you read the report, you will see there is a lot worth celebrating. In its pages, you will find stories that highlight our signature events, impactful initiatives, committee updates, and information about our recent decision to merge two organizations into one. A video of our Annual Meeting can also be found on our CEDRR website.

We look forward to continuing to use collaboration, creativity, and ingenuity to create a regional economic climate conducive to business growth while creating a bridge to our community and cultural organizations to promote healthy and vibrant neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life in Rutland County. As part of these efforts, we continue to recognize the need to strengthen and protect our way of life by increasing the skilled pool from which business and industry can hire employees, as well as the need to grow our tax base. Each of these needs are the driving forces behind our focus on growing our regional population. We continue to move forward with the sixth year of the Regional Marketing Initiative, which has provided direct and positive results with an increase of more than 50 households, including more than 100 individuals, who have joined us as neighbors. We look forward to this trend continuing as Vermont leads the nation in protecting and supporting each other and our communities. Funding for the Initiative continues to be a collaboration between municipalities, local businesses, and grant opportunities. We encourage you to visit our Real Rutland website for highlights of the Region.

We exist to serve your families, communities, and area businesses and industry, which make up the three-legged stool upon which we can steadfastly rest as we admire our Region and appreciate how fortunate we are to live here.

With respect,

Lyle P. Jepson - Executive Director

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https://www.flipsnack.com/vtredc/2020_2021-cedrr-annual-report.html

Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region Annual Meeting: <https://vimeo.com/635386794>

Real Rutland: <https://realrutland.com/>

Real Rutland Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/therealrutland/>

Real Rutland Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/therealrutland/>



POULTNEY METTOWEE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs to facilitate the conservation of healthy soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watersheds, including Middletown Springs, for over 70 years. In addition to a five-member board, four employees staff the District: District Manager, Hilary Solomon; Agricultural Outreach Specialist Jennifer Alexander, Native Plant Nursery Manager and Program Coordinator, Sadie Brown, and Agricultural Outreach Specialist, Rachael Burt.

- **Stormwater Management:** The District is currently working with several towns on implementing 'green stormwater' projects. We worked this past season in Castleton, Poultney, and Wells to design and implement stormwater projects with grant funds, and are planning on continuing this work in other local towns. We have continued work on a Stormwater Master Plan for the Poultney River Watershed to identify stormwater runoff issues and propose high priority mitigation projects.

Through the South Lake Partnership, PMNRCD and Rutland Regional Planning Commission (RRPC), continue to assist with funding and implementation of flood resiliency projects in the Flower Brook Watershed shared by Danby, Tinmouth, and Pawlet. This year we held a series of community meetings focused on climate adaptations. The District is working with local forestry groups and landowners in Danby and Pawlet on stormwater erosion and runoff issues, focused on high-quality woodland areas in the watershed.

This past year, we worked with lakes in the watershed and installed many small shoreline plantings through our Lake Education and Action Program (LEAP). In addition to implementing buffer plantings and small stormwater treatment practices, we completed LakeWise Assessments along Lake Bomoseen and Lake St. Catherine, resulting in recommendations for homeowners to implement lake friendly practices in their yards. We plan to continue both programs with shoreline homeowners in the coming year.

- **Agricultural Programs:** The District assists farmers applying manure and fertilizer to their fields through farm-specific, nutrient management plans via a statewide partnership program. The District provides agronomic and water quality guidance to local farms, writes grants to implement water quality improvement projects on farms, and provides rental of a no-till seed planter and soil aerator, which help to improve soil health.

- **Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery:** PMNRCD collaborates with Poultney's Champlain Valley Nursery and area residents to make improvements to water quality. Many restoration plantings were completed in the District to create habitat and to control erosion. The Nursery also serves as an educational center, providing field trip opportunities for elementary students and internships for high school and college students. Plants are available to local landowners through our tree sale or on-site. Visit our website for more information.

PMNRCD looks forward to partnering with the Rutland Regional Planning Commission to provide funding and technical assistance to local towns as the local Clean Water Service Provider!

The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries.

PO BOX 209, POULTNEY, VT 05764; OFFICE: 802-287-6880; INFO@PMNRCD.ORG; WWW.PMNRCD.ORG

Note: Appropriation Request #23 on 2022 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Middletown Springs Conservation Commission (MSCC) is a five-person board first established in 2000 to steward the Town's 14-acre Sullivan Educational Woods located off of Fitzgerald Road. MSCC has worked with our community to learn about and sustain the natural resources of our town. Conservation Commission initiatives include stewardship of Sullivan Educational Woods, educational programs and nature walks for the community, monitoring and controlling invasive species, contributing to town planning efforts, coordinating Green Up Day, and monitoring and assessing the town's rivers, wildlife, wetlands, and upland natural communities.

With high hopes for the coming year, MSCC looks forward to resuming projects and programs and continuing work to make the Sullivan Woods property more accessible and user friendly year-round for visitors and school students. MSCC anticipates working with Middletown Springs school students on new conservation projects and educational programs at Sullivan Woods in the spring and fall. The Commission welcomes ideas and input from community members. Look for postings of what's to come in the Town newsletter and on Front Porch Forum.

If you are interested in community conservation-related activities and programs in Middletown Springs, please contact a member to be a part of planning projects and programs. If you would like to join the Commission please contact the Town Clerk who will direct you to a MSCC member to find out more.

Elizabeth Cooper

Steve Harrington

Rhonda (Honey) Phillips

Tasha Turan



A Backyard Visitor

Photo by Patty Kenyon

Town of Middletown Springs MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2021



Middletown Springs Historical Society Trustees were able to resume some in-person board meetings and collections care work sessions in 2021, despite the continuing Covid threat. The Maple Festival was reduced to a Maple Raffle fundraiser. The Strawberry Festival was able to resume as an in-person, outdoor event with almost a normal turnout and a record net income.

Improvements continue on the Adams House and the Mineral Springs Park. A matching grant from Preservation Trust of Vermont, funded by the Johnson Family Foundation of Poultney, helped to pay for restoration of windows on the second floor and attic of the Adams House. Twenty-eight pairs of wooden sash were scraped and repainted along with the sills and window openings. Three attic windows which have been boarded over for decades are now restored and glowing with holiday candle lights. In the Springs Park, a slate roof, installed by Dick and Tel Gray, now adorns the Spring House and is reminiscent of the slate roof on the original Montvert Hotel era pavillion.

In a September collections care workshop, Michele Pagan taught proper storage of museum accessions as well as family treasures. Dan McKeen continues to provide storage space in his former timber framing shop behind the Town Garage for some of the A.W. Gray horsepower equipment collection. Other antique equipment is currently stored in barn and shed space donated by the Fowlers, C. Rapinz, the Rutenbergs, and the Wright/Willits.

There are 76 Historical Society memberships in town and about 180 others throughout the country supporting the Society's efforts and furthering its mission. Membership is open to all. Members receive the MSHS newsletter as well as discounted building rental for family gatherings. Thirteen new local memberships were recorded in 2021.

Please support preserving the history of Middletown Springs and making it available to everyone!

2022 Events:

Maple Festival Raffle drawing - Wed., March 23
Strawberry Festival (if feasible) - Sun., June 19
Annual Meeting - Sun., Sept. 18
Museum Open House - Sun., Oct. 9

Trustees for 2021-2022 are: Kim Gaylord, Pat Hemenway, Chris Hoyt, Pam Johnson, Bud Krouse, Maureen McCormack. and David Wright

Respectfully submitted,
David P. Wright, President

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Middletown Springs Historical Society is to engage the community in understanding and appreciating the changing history of Middletown Springs, and to encourage local historic preservation.

With sound fiscal management and through collaboration with local, state and national institutions, the Society realizes its mission by researching, interpreting and publishing facts and stories of the town's history and genealogy; by collecting, conserving and exhibiting local artifacts; by acquiring and preserving significant historic places; and by involving the public through diverse educational technologies, community events and educational programs.



PHOTO: The Methodist Episcopal Church, c. 1837, stood at the corner of South St. and West St. until the 1940s. A "Town Room" was in the basement. Photo is likely by Dana Carpenter.

Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Librarian's Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

July 2020 – June 2021

- After having been closed for the last 14 weeks of FY '20, the start of the Covid19 pandemic, during the first six weeks of FY '21 our building was open to patrons for five hours a week, plus eight hours curbside-only (over three days).
- By mid-year we were open 18 hours a week, over five days (including Saturdays) which remains our schedule. Curbside continued to be available by request.
- Programming has taken the biggest hit with the pandemic. We continue to find ways to provide experiences for adults, children, and families which take the changing Covid cautions into account.
- Inter-Library Loan circulation increases every year. The number we send out is still fewer than we borrow but the gap is narrowing. The CLoVer system more equitably shares the load among all Vermont; we are better able to carry our small share of the statewide load. This robust inter-library loan system allows residents of Middletown Springs access to the collections from libraries around the state.
- We operated March 2020-June 2021 without volunteers. We miss them greatly.

Highlights during FY'21:

- Summer program was retooled, combining take-away crafts with access to pre-recorded story times. We are very lucky to have Heather Heitkamp return every summer to implement our July story times.
- Stacks of books, tied with holiday ribbons, were on sale in the library. Not an enormous money-maker but definitely festive.
- Blind Date with a Book was reconfigured as a give away, of items which did not need to be returned. For the first time we had two give-away locations, Grant's Village Store and the library.
- Pie for Breakfast was also reconfigured to the very successful (with easier logistics) Drive-by Pie.
- "Tearable" Puns at the library and around town were enjoyed by many during April.
- In June, nine Activity Kits underwritten by the Friends of the Library with a grant from Stewarts were lots of fun to put together and well received. The idea was that if we can't have a robust program schedule to draw people in to do things at the library, then we can send activities out for people to do. The most popular have been the microscope, the magic tricks, and the circus skills.
- The library applied to the Vermont Department of Libraries to access CARES grants for summer program supplies and technology (new color printer, air purifier).
- The library's trustees also wrote a successful Preservation Trust Grant to take care of some deferred maintenance to the exterior of the building. The Friends of the Library signed on to be the one-to-one matching organization.

FY'21 can be seen as a transition year, from the shutdown of the library in the last 14 weeks of FY'20 towards a new normal. We continue to serve the community and find ways to work around the impacts of the pandemic.

Kimberly Bushnell
Library Director



**Town of Middletown Springs
MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021**

	FY 20/21 Budget	FY 20/21 Actual	FY 21/22 Current Budget	FY 22/23 Proposed Budget
Income				
Town Allotment	27,772.00	27,772.00	27,772.00	29,000.00
Louis Library Fund	500.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	750.00
FOL Contribution	1,500.00	750.00	750.00	750.00
Fines/Fees/Payments	50.00	14.30	50.00	50.00
Donations	300.00	363.25	300.00	300.00
Fundraising	8,500.00	9,556.04	4,750.00	7,500.00
Interest	0.00	4.59	15.00	15.00
Total Income	38,622.00	39,460.18	34,637.00	38,365.00
Expenses				
Librarian	16,848.00	16,848.00	16,848.00	18,720.00
Assistant Librarian	6,032.00	6,031.92	6,032.00	6,656.00
Payroll Taxes	4,643.00	1,750.20	1,587.00	1,941.00
Education	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Library Materials	5,300.00	4,034.02	3,700.00	3,700.00
Heat	800.00	417.20	800.00	800.00
Electricity	1,200.00	704.87	1,000.00	1,000.00
Telephone / Internet	535.00	495.45	620.00	600.00
Automation Services	439.00	460.00	450.00	460.00
Supplies	200.00	410.88	300.00	450.00
Postage / ILL Courier	500.00	578.97	800.00	838.00
Grounds Maintenance	1,000.00	1,091.88	1,000.00	1,200.00
Programs/Publicity	125.00	43.03	500.00	500.00
Building Maintenance	500.00	1,392.00	500.00	1,000.00
Technology / Computers	400.00	1,320.58	400.00	400.00
Total Expenses	38,622.00	35,579.00	34,637.00	38,365.00

Middletown Springs Public Library Restricted Accounts

HFCU Savings Account: Bequests, Restricted

Opening Balance July 1, 2020		\$5,297.95
Interest earned	17.37	
Withdrawals	0.00	
Deposits	0.00	
Ending Balance June 30, 2021		\$5,305.32

Fidelity Funds Account: Building Capital Improvements and/or Expansion

Beginning Account Value, July 31, 2020		\$25,272.22
Change in Investment Value	9,477.73	
Ending Account Value, June 30, 2021		\$34,749.95

Note: Fidelity's statement dates are inconsistent with our fiscal calendar.

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region

In 2021, the VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region provided Rutland County residents with exceptional home care, hospice, and community health services. From infants with hi tech needs to seniors who wish to remain independent at home, and those who are facing a terminal illness, we continue to bring medically necessary health care wherever it is needed, regardless of the location of residence, or complexity of health issues.

In the face of shrinking government and state reimbursements and rising healthcare costs, VNAHSR has continued to identify community needs and provide essential cost-effective healthcare services to Rutland County's most vulnerable individuals.

In 2021, VNAHSR's dedicated staff made more than 160,581 visits to 3,298 patients. In the town of Middletown Springs, we provided 607 visits to 24 individuals.

(802) 775-0568

• *Appropriation request #12 on 2021 Town Warning*

Green Up Vermont

Green Up Vermont is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to promote and organize a statewide clean-up day, always on the first Saturday in May, and to raise awareness and stewardship for a litter free environment. In 2021, Green Up Vermont had nearly 22,000 volunteers who picked up 418 tons of litter and over 16,250 tires. Most importantly, amidst a global pandemic, Vermonters felt Green Up Day was the one event that shouldn't ever be cancelled and found safe ways to continue this civic service to their communities.

With your town's help, we can continue Vermont's unique annual tradition of taking care of our state's lovely landscape and promoting civic pride.

Mark your calendars for the next Green Up Day, May 7, 2022, and help us celebrate 52 years of keeping Vermont green!

www.greenupvermont.org

• *Appropriation request #13 on 2022 Town Warning*

Community Care Network/Rutland Mental Health Service

In the year 2021, 28 towns in Rutland County supported the work of Rutland Mental Health Services through town giving. Our agency is committed to providing quality services regardless of an individual's ability to pay. The generous support of towns such as Middletown Springs assures that quality services are available for their families, friends and neighbors. Services provided to town residents include:

- Individual Counseling for Children, Adults and Families
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services
- Emergency/Crisis Services
- Developmental Disability Services

During fiscal year 2021, Rutland Mental Health Services provided 753 hours of services to 30 Middletown Springs residents. We value our partnership with the Town of Middletown Springs in providing these much needed services and thank you for your continued support.

(802) 775-2381 www.rmhsccn.org

• *Appropriation request #14 on 2022 Town Warning*

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging

Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging (SVCOA) helped provide 1,098 meals that were delivered to the homes of 6 elders in your community through our service "Meals on Wheels". SVCOA provided 3 hours of one-on-one nutrition support, including nutrition assessments and resource connections and referrals, to 4 residents of Middletown Springs.

SVCOA case management and outreach staff helped 9 elders in Middletown Springs for a total of 48.75 hours. Case managers meet with an elder privately in the elder's home or at another agreed upon location and assess the elder's situation. They will work with the elder to identify needs and talk about possible services available to address those needs and linking them to these services if desired. Case managers also help elders connect with in-home assistance programs, including a program called Choices for Care. This program is especially helpful to frail elders facing long term care placement who still wish to remain at home.

Other services and supports include: Senior HelpLine which offers telephone support; Medicare and health benefit counseling; legal service assistance through Vermont Senior Citizens Law Project; Information about elder issues and opportunities; Outreach services for elders dealing with mental health issues; Companion support for frail, homebound elders; Money Management; Transportation assistance and Caregiver support.

Senior HelpLine (800) 642-5119

• ***Appropriation request #15 on 2022 Town Warning***

Bennington/Rutland Opportunity Center

BROC Community Action serves thousands of people with low income or living in poverty throughout Rutland and Bennington Counties. BROC Community Action assists families and individuals in crisis and helps provide a sustainable path forward.

Over the past year, BROC Community Action assisted 31 residents in the Town of Middletown Springs. Whether they need food at the BROC Community Food Shelf, senior commodities, housing counseling, homelessness assistance, weatherization, heating and utility assistance, forms assistance for benefits such as 3SqVT, budget and credit counseling and resources and referrals; we are here.

People come to us cold, hungry, homeless, jobless or facing major health conditions every day. Your town appropriation helps ease the struggle for nearly 10,000 people who seek assistance from us each year as we meet the basic needs of their families and provide a path forward whenever possible.

45 Union Street • Rutland, VT 05701 802.775.0878

• ***Appropriation request #16 on 2022 Town Warning***

Vermont Center for Independent Living

For the past 42 years, the Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY20 VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. Services include interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings, as well as Peer Advocate Counselors and services.

60 Center Street, Rutland, VT 05701, 802-779-9021, www.vcil.org.

• ***Appropriation request #17 on 2022 Town Warning***

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Rural Fire Protection Program

The Rural Fire Protection (RFP) program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property, and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the 23+ years of the program, almost 1200 grants totaling over \$2.6 million have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

The Rural Fire Protection Program is managed by the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

(802) 828-4582 / www.vacd.org

• ***Appropriation request #18 on 2022 Town Warning***

Regional Ambulance Service

The Regional Ambulance Service provides necessary medical services. "Medic One," or one of our life-support-equipped ambulances, meets incoming patients who require and request advanced support. Our staff works closely as a team with your community ambulance and First-Response personnel.

Training is very important to keep our Paramedics up to date in their skills. Training has been provided in Pre-Hospital Cardiac Life Support, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Advanced National Paramedic certifications.

We are proud of our accomplishments and look forward to serving you in the future. Regional Ambulance Service Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation. The funds communities contribute helps to keep this program available to incoming patients from outside of the Regional Ambulance Service area. Our "Medic One" is a vital part of our goal of "Serving People 1st with Pride, Proficiency and Professionalism."

(802) 773-1746.

• ***Appropriation request #19 on 2022 Town Warning***

NewStory Center

For 42 years NewStory Center has been the single agency in Rutland County supporting survivors of domestic and sexual violence by working to end the cycle of violence through support, education, prevention, and collaboration.

During FY21, NewStory Center served 522 survivors and their children through direct services such as emergency shelter, medical advocacy, legal advocacy, case management, clinical services, support groups, and the 24/7 crisis hotline. Additionally, we provide training and technical assistance to our community partners, including local law enforcement, to ensure a more effective community response to domestic and sexual violence.

The Board and Staff of NewStory Center thank the voters of Middletown Springs for their support of our agency. Your generosity allows us to, not only provide survivors with necessities and ongoing advocacy, but also affords us the ability to grow and expand our services to better serve your community.

www.nscvt.org; Crisis: 802-775-3232
Office: 802-775-6788

• ***Appropriation request #20 on 2022 Town Warning***

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Rutland County Humane Society

The Rutland County Humane Society provides shelter and care to companion animals while finding loving families for those at risk or homeless. We also serve our community by providing information and referral services to people dealing with animal issues.

The RCHS shelter is the largest program of the agency, taking in more than one thousand animals in 2021. The Rutland County Humane Society took in four animals from Middletown Springs in the past year.

Our agency is funded through fees for service, town funding, donations and special events. No funding comes from the state or federal government or national organizations. We sincerely thank those who support our operations. We can only save lives with your help.

Please call us at 483-9171 or visit our website at RCHSVT.org if you would like more information about the Rutland County Humane Society.

•Appropriation request #21 on 2022 Town Warning

RSVP and The Volunteer Center

RSVP and The Volunteer Center is a volunteer program for people of all ages who want to meet community needs through volunteer service. RSVP/VC considers volunteering to be a key solution in responding to Rutland County's most pressing challenges. "Signature Programs" include: RSVP Bone Builders, Rutland Reads, Veterans Connection Program, and Operation Dolls.

Locally, RSVP/NC is the largest program of coordinated volunteer services serving the people of Rutland County with 456 volunteers. From July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, RSVPNC volunteers provided 97,719 hours of community service. The cost benefit to the communities of Rutland County in terms of cost of services provided equals \$2,623,755.

In FY'21, Middletown Springs residents took advantage of RSVP programs such as free income tax return preparation, and our free Bone Builders classes. Middletown Springs RSVP volunteers donated handmade knitted items to area social service agencies and donated their services to the RSVP Operation Dolls & More and RSVP Bone Builders.

We would like to thank the residents of Middletown Springs for their continued support of RSVP.

802-775-8220

•Appropriation request #22 on 2022 Town Warning

Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District

Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District (PMNRCD) is a non-profit organization with a mission to develop programs that will facilitate the conservation of soil and clean water. PMNRCD has been providing environmental support, education, and outreach to the 14 towns in the district watershed for over 70 years. In 2019 PMNRCD provided the following programming to the Poultney Mettowee watershed:

- Environmental Education Opportunities
- Stormwater Management
- Flood Resiliency Projects
- Agricultural Programs providing planning assistance, soil testing and access to planting equipment
- Champlain Valley Native Plant Restoration Nursery and our annual spring tree sale
- The planting of 22 acres of native trees throughout the Poultney Mettowee watershed

The Poultney-Mettowee watershed consists of all the lands that drain to the Poultney or Mettowee Rivers and their tributaries. Both the Poultney and Mettowee Rivers drain to South Lake Champlain.

(802) 287-8339; www.pmnrcd.org

•Appropriation request #23 on 2022 Town Warning

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

NeighborWorks® of Western Vermont

NeighborWorks of Western Vermont, a nonprofit, is a one-stop-shop providing all the answers and support homebuyer and owners need.

While it was once again a challenging year for so many, we are pleased to report that with continued generous funding from our incredible partners including the State of Vermont and Middletown Springs, we were once again able to assist many Vermonters with affordable housing services including homebuyer education and counseling, downpayment assistance, home repair and energy loans and grants, home energy audits and energy efficiency projects, as well as rental assistance to landlords. Below is a summary of the specific services we were able to provide throughout our service area:

- 308 Low-cost, Comprehensive HEAT Squad Energy Audits were completed on homes
- 92 Home Energy Improvement Projects were completed and homeowners received a rebate check from Efficiency Vermont
- 11 Energy Loans were issued, a total of \$138,242 to help homeowners make energy improvements
- 31 Down Payment Assistance Loans, a total of \$949,236 were made to help homebuyers make it over the 20% down payment barrier
- 13 Home Repair Loans totaling \$227,874 were made to homeowners to make health and safety upgrades to their homes
- 149 families attended Homebuyer Education and of those, 79 became Home Owners
- 124 households participated in homeownership or financial coaching
- 228 households were assisted with financial counseling and grant assistance through the Housing Stabilization Program (2022 and 2023 federal COVID assistance program only)

802-438-2303, www.nwwvt.org

• **Appropriation request #24 on 2022 Town Warning**

ARC (Advocacy-Resources-Community)

ARC Rutland Area's mission is to advocate for the rights of individuals and families with developmental and intellectual disabilities to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as a non-disabled individual, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community. We promote programs that are derived from our name; Advocacy, Resources and Community opportunities including the following:

The Mary and Leonard F Wing Jr Sensory Center: The center promotes mindfulness through sensory awareness, life skills and provides community integration. The center is open to both members and community agencies. The center is open Monday through Thursday and is projected to provide 500 hours sensory awareness in 2022.

The Great Outdoor Initiative: The program provides outdoor recreation and socialization for members. Events include nature adventure with Vermont Adaptive, a summer BBQ at Lake Bomoseen and a fall barn picnic. The services provided 359 participants with outdoor social experiences.

Representative Payee Program: The program provides financial management services to individuals with developmental disabilities who receive social security and need assistance to manage their own finances. The representative payee program services 50 clients monthly with financial management, providing 600 financial management services annually.

Self-Advocates (SABE-R) and AKtion Club: Facilitates monthly meetings for both the Self Advocates Becoming Empowered- Rutland (SABE-R) and AKtion Club, a member of Kiwanis. SABE-R sets group and individual goals while practicing advocacy and communication skills. The AKtion Club is a community service club. Activities including fund raisers, "Creative Minds" developing craft projects, and sharing life experiences. The groups have sponsored several abilities awareness trainings in conjunction with Green Mountain Self Advocates. The club members also donate to Tatum's Totes to assist foster families at Christmas. The clubs provided monthly advocacy for 28 individuals in 2021, providing 336 points of services.

Social Events: Events provide a safe and healthy environment for individuals with developmental disabilities that encourage building a circle of support and social experiences. Activities included five themed dances, bingo, mindfulness coloring, and other activities throughout the year. The social events provided 461 individuals with social experiences in 2021.

During 2021 Advocacy Resources Community provided 756 points of service!

www.ARCRutlandArea.org 802-775-1370

• **Appropriation request #25 on 2022 Town Warning**

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

Rutland County Parent-Child Center

The Rutland County Parent Child Center is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to removing barriers that perpetuate poverty for children and families throughout Rutland County. RCPCC provides early childhood education, early developmental assessment and intervention, educational opportunities and enrichment for at-risk youth, family navigation services, and food security support. All services are provided at no cost or with substantial financial assistance for working families.

The COVID-19 pandemic has only highlighted the needs of families in Rutland County and we have responded by increasing our capacity and scope. This past year, our food pantry became one of the largest in the State and we are looking forward to bringing our services to One PCC Place, a 6,000 sq. ft. 2Gen Campus on Chaplin Avenue in Rutland City where we will deliver quality whole family programming in newly renovated space.

www.rcpcc.org

• ***Appropriation request #26 on 2022 Town Warning***

Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

The Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired's 2021 Fiscal Year was filled with "outside the box" solutions to the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the absence of in-person fundraising events, we designed a virtual family-friendly scavenger hunt called the Great Brave Little State Challenge. Our new referral system, developed in fall 2020, has successfully resulted in an increased number of people in need of vision rehabilitation being connected to our services. In addition, the overall number of clients we serve has grown over the past year due to the aging population of our state, and this trend is expected to continue well into the future.

As government mandates have begun to be lifted, our staff has been able to be flexible with providing both in-person and remote services depending on client preference. In-person services take place with physical distancing and PPE guidelines that are continuously being revised based on the Governor's recommendations. The main goal of our programs over the past year has been to ensure that clients have the resources they need, in the manner most comfortable for them to ensure their safety, and to prevent feelings of social isolation during these troubled times.

It is clear to us at VABVI that our mission and services will play a critical role in the lives of many Vermonters well into the future. As the world transitions "back to normal," we continue to work nonstop to support anyone living in Vermont who is experiencing vision loss.

During Fiscal Year 2021, we served 1,195 clients from all 14 counties in Vermont. This included one adult client in Middletown Springs, and 99 adults and 25 students in Rutland County.

www.vabvi.org 800-639-5861 ext. 217

• ***Appropriation request #27 on 2022 Town Warning***

American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont

As we look ahead to the new year, we take a moment to reflect on our profound gratitude to the municipal partners who help us deliver our lifesaving mission in our community. With your support, we are able to ensure the health, safety, and preparedness of our friends and neighbors throughout Northern New England.

Last year, our volunteer workforce provided an array of services throughout the region:

- We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, once every 18 hours, helping more than 2,000 individuals.
- We made over 500 homes safer by installing smoke detectors and educating families about fire safety and prevention through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained 26,957 people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected over 153,000 units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, 850 service members, veterans, and their families received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

Your American Red Cross remains committed to providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Middletown Springs.

Vermont: (800) 660-9130.

• ***Appropriation request #28 on 2022 Town Warning***

Town of Middletown Springs COMMUNITY AGENCY REPORTS

The Mentor Connector

In 2021, your allocation enabled The Mentor Connector to support 206 Rutland County youth with community mentors, six of whom live in Middletown Springs. Our dedicated team of staff and volunteers provided 13,772 hours of direct support to youth, 25 virtual and in-person group activities, \$18,645 worth of snacks, and 232 food and gift cards to ensure Rutland County youth THRIVE throughout the pandemic.

But we have a long way to go. It is no surprise that our youth continue to struggle as the pandemic rages on. Isolation and uncertainty have perpetuated the astounding rates of depression and anxiety we see today. With your help, we can continue to mitigate cycles of addiction and poverty to ensure all young people feel valued and empowered.

Our highly skilled mentors use fun, teachable moments to transform each youth's life narrative. Every day we see the transformation from instability to hope. Each one-on-one mentor match uses an individualized program to enhance social-emotional, academic, and workforce development skills. This combination establishes goals and builds a network of support around each youth that remains a stable part of the youth's life.

www.mentorconnector.com (802) 775-3434

•*Appropriation request #29 on 2022 Town Warning*

Child First Advocacy Center

The Child First Advocacy Center (CFAC) serves as a central agency through which reports of suspected child abuse can be channeled for investigation and victim recovery. CFAC was established in 1995 and became a fully Accredited Member of the National Children's Alliance (NCA) in 2004. We share with NCA the passion to minimize the traumatic effect of child abuse upon the children and families of our community. CFAC is a non-profit organization serving Rutland County to assist family's in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence. We provide a safe comfortable environment for the forensic quality and child appropriate interviews, training for professionals and collateral referral services for victims and their non-offending family members. Our agency serves families of all socio-economic levels and is committed to providing quality services regardless of the ability to pay.

In calendar year 2020, The Child First Advocacy Center served 180 clients and 150 family members. As of November 1, 2021, we provided services to 167 clients and 129 of their family members. We were able to provide wrap around services and support to at least one Middletown Springs family as they began their recovery from the effects of trauma. In addition, we continue to provide community awareness and education at no cost, in an effort to provide adults with the ability to recognize, react and respond appropriately to child sexual abuse and increase each school districts ability to complete the legislatively mandated ACT 1 initiative also known as Child Sexual Abuse Awareness training for Educators, Community Members and Student's grades K-12.

(802) 747-0200

•*Appropriation request #30 on 2022 Town Warning*

Regional Marketing Initiative

The Regional Marketing Initiative is a collaboration of municipalities around Rutland County and Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region. The goal of the initiative is to grow the economy in our region. The Regional Marketing Initiative is a multi-year project funded by municipalities and businesses large and small throughout Rutland County and is supportive of the economic development goals contained in the Middletown Springs Town Plan.

We look forward to continuing to use collaboration, creativity, and ingenuity to create a regional economic climate conducive to business growth while creating a bridge to our community and cultural organizations to promote healthy and vibrant neighborhoods and enhance the quality of life in Rutland County. As part of these efforts, we continue to recognize the need to strengthen and protect our way of life by increasing the skilled pool from which business and industry can hire employees, as well as the need to grow our tax base. Each of these needs are the driving forces behind our focus on growing our regional population. Go to www.RealRutland.com for highlights of the Region.

802-770-7061

•*Appropriation request #31 on 2022 Town Warning*

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Front Porch Forum

What fuels a healthy democracy? Informed and engaged citizens. Today, technology can impede communication with an overload of noise and misinformation, which spurs often disrespectful screen-to-screen debates. In contrast, Vermont neighbors and thousands of their local public officials post and read about local issues and political matters on Front Porch Forum. Open and civil discussion on FPF leads to people being better informed and getting more involved in their communities. This helps support a healthy local democracy.

Every day on Front Porch Forum we see actions, small and large, taken by empowered and informed individuals who have a stake in the future and well-being of their neighborhoods. The result is a stronger community and stronger local democracy.

<https://frontporchforum.com>

• ***Appropriation request #32 on 2022 Town Warning***

Big Heavy World

Big Heavy World is a volunteer-run independent statewide music office and archive of Vermont-made music, working to inclusively promote and preserve all kinds of music made across Vermont. Its work is designed to serve all Vermont musicians, inclusive of artists of all styles in every Vermont town. The organization was founded in 1996 and manages many ongoing and special projects that make Vermont's music community and economy stronger, while reminding everyone how talented and meaningful to us our creative Vermonters are.

We hope our grassroots work makes you proud of Vermont's can-do spirit and our extraordinary arts community of which you and the musicians of Middletown Springs are a part. We are deeply grateful for your support.

<https://bigheavyworld.com>

• ***Appropriation request #33 on 2022 Town Warning***

Vermont Family Network

The mission of the Vermont Family Network is to empower and support all Vermont families of children with special needs. The Vermont Family Network has served the families of Vermont for more than 30 years by creating a "one stop shop" for families and their providers. We are proud to serve over 1400 families yearly with expert information, referral and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport, and Rutland, an annual conference, and much more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team who teach children and parental around the state about important topics like bullying prevention, child abuse prevention, and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership and communication. Each year almost 10,000 school children benefit from one of these educational programs.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much needed services to families all across the state.

vermontfamilynetwork.org 802-876-5315 ext 105

• ***Appropriation request #34 on 2022 Town Warning***

Habitat for Humanity Rutland County

Habitat for Humanity of Rutland County works to transform people's lives and our community by creating affordable and decent housing, lifting up one family at a time. This is accomplished through volunteer labor and donations and the work of the future homeowners who invest hours of their own labor into building their Habitat house and the houses of others. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses. Home ownership transforms lives, promotes dignity and enhances self esteem.

Consistent with the goals of Habitat for Humanity, the Rutland Area Affiliate seeks to address the issues of low-income housing pursuing new construction, rehabilitation of homes, and minor home repairs making homes more affordable and safer for home buyers seeking to improve the quality of their lives through safe, sufficient and affordable homeownership.

802-747-7440 rutlandhabitat@gmail.com

• ***Appropriation request #35 on 2022 Town Warning***

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Rutland County Restorative Justice Center

Rutland County Court Diversion and Restorative Justice Center is a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency that strives to make Rutland County a healthier and safer community for all residents. Our mission is to engage community members in responding to the needs of crime victims, the community and those who violate the law, holding the latter accountable in a manner that promotes responsible and restorative behavior.

In support of this mission, we offer the following programs: Diversion, Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program, Driving with License Suspended, Tamarack, Pretrial Services, Balanced and Restorative Justice, and Emotional Intelligence Mentoring. We provide services to juveniles and adults who are at risk of future adverse involvement with the legal system. Our programming is designed for a range of individuals, such as at-risk and truant youth and individuals with mental health and substance abuse treatment needs. We focus on fostering accountability, repairing the harm caused by crime, skills development, connection to treatment, and education.

We offer the following programs: Diversion, Youth Substance Awareness Safety Program (YSASP), Driving with License Suspended (DLS), Tamarack, Pretrial Services, Balanced and Restorative Justice (BARJ) program, and a social and emotional intelligence course. This course has been facilitated at Middletown Springs Elementary. In fiscal year 2019, our Diversion and Tamarack programs diverted 31% of all new misdemeanor charges from the traditional justice system. In fiscal year 2018, we collected approximately \$16,000 in restitution for victims. Participants in our DLS program completed over 1350 hours of community service in just two years. Rutland County community members volunteered over 500 hours to our programs in six months of fiscal year 2019. Our civil DLS program saved participants \$44,882 (with an average savings of over \$975 per participant) in fiscal year 2020.

Our agency has served Rutland County for decades and we look forward to continuing to meet the needs of our community members for many years to come.

50 Center Street, Rutland 802-775-2479 rutlandrestorativejustice.org

•Appropriation request #36 on 2022 Town Warning

Vermont Farmers Food Center

The Vermont Farmers Food Center (VFFC) located in Rutland (251 West St.) began as a grassroots, volunteer-led project, and is spearheading the rebuilding of infrastructure necessary for agriculture to serve as a regional economic engine through the development of 2.93 acres of industrially zoned land with four existing buildings in the heart of downtown Rutland.

VFFC increases access and availability of locally produced food in the Rutland Region through education, expanding markets and market access, and aggregation and distribution of locally produced and value added agricultural products. VFFC is the host of the Winter Vermont Farmers Market from November through April.

VFFC operates several programs:

- Farmacy Project is a "food as medicine" program that provides fresh produce from local farmers for at risk individuals and families with health issues who have been prescribed 15 weeks of fresh, local produce.
- Farm Based Experiential Learning (FABEL) provides an experience of learning substantive life skills on the farm and in the garden through hands on engagement.
- Everyone Eats is a food relief program that leverages CARES Act Funds to engage local restaurants in making to-go meals for anyone who has been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis due to unemployment, underemployment, homelessness, or other challenges.
- Online Market is a way for farmers to continue to have a way to get their products to consumers when the farmers markets were not able to operate. It has continued to offer a weekly safe and convenient curbside pickup.

VFFC works with local farmers/producers, including in Middletown Springs, who participate in the Online Market and Everyone Eats programs and serves members of our community through those programs.

251 West Street Rutland, VT 05701 admin@vermontfarmersfoodcenter.org

•Appropriation request #37 on 2022 Town Warning

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Held Virtually on Monday March 1, 2021 Start time: 6:30pm
Approved Minutes

Selectboard chair, Terry Redfield called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and turned the meeting over to the town moderator, Kimberly Bushnell. Kimberly welcomed everyone to our first ever virtual Town Informational Meeting. She started with some thanks - first to Meredith Morgan and Beth Miller for helping her with the technology behind the scenes, and secondly the BCA sub- committee of Leslie Silver, Elizabeth Cooper, and Patty Kenyon for their help in prepping for this meeting. Housekeeping announcements, online pledge will play, Representative Sally Achey will speak first with an update from the state legislature. Kimberly went through instructions for speaking and asking questions during a virtual meeting.

Kimberly played the pledge to officially start the meeting. At the conclusion of the pledge, Sally gave an update to the participants. Statehouse session is being held entirely remotely. Session is focused on helping the state recover from the current pandemic. Sally reviewed some of the specific items that they are working on, one being reliable, affordable, broadband for all Vermonters. Broadband is more essential now than ever. There is a significant amount of money assigned to try to that goal, the technology committee, which Sally sits on, has written a bill to address this issue.

Some of the other issues they've been working on with pandemic assistance money are upgrading computer systems across the state, weatherization programs and so forth.

Kimberly opened the floor to questions for Sally before she needs to go to her next town meeting:

- o Carl Haynes asked if there's been any discussion at the statehouse on addressing the CLA in regard to the unusually high volume of sales this past year as well as the property value increases.
- o Sally replied that the state and the board of listers are working on the issue and will be holding meetings to try to decide how to address the unusual volume throughout.
- o No other questions for Sally.

The moderator read the warning for 2021 Town Meeting. Polls will be open tomorrow from 7am to 7pm.

1. To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.
 - No questions or comments.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditor?
 - Juanita Burch Clay speaking for the auditors, Tracy Weatherhogg, Sarah Grimm and Juanita. The auditors encourage everyone to read their report, look at their minutes on the town website and contact them with any questions. Nita talked a bit about the outside audit and their recommendations for the town. The auditors feel that the town is moving forward well taking on the recommendations and suggestions. She also brought up the town's several trust funds and had some comments about the Copeland Cemetery fund in particular. The auditors have not gotten a report from those trustees in two years, if that continues the auditors may suggest the town take a closer look at those funds to ensure the transparency needed and expected.
 - Nita also mentioned that John Weatherhogg has agreed to run as a write-in candidate for the position of Trustees of Public Monies and encouraged people to cast their vote for John tomorrow.
 - No questions for the Auditors.
3. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$351,597 for the general operation of the town, the sum of \$270,897 to be raised by taxes on the 2021 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022?
 - Sarah Grimm, auditor for the town, one of her jobs is to sit in on the budget meetings of the town. She received a flyer in the mail signed by Carl Haynes, a member of the selectboard, which addressed items

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that she had not seen taken up at the budget meetings. She asked that Carl or other board members in favor of the stance on the flyer to speak to those issues.

- Carl answered that the money items had been approved in the past as separate items. Carl wished that the separate money items should be voted on separately. He advocated to have these items voted on separately and if the budget got voted down at town meeting, the town could potentially have the option of voting on these items separately.
- Patty Kenyon explained the board's process and reasoning for including the items in the general budget. Basically, saying that these projects we are setting aside money for are desperately needed and it's the board's feeling that putting money aside for them each year is our best chance to see them come to fruition.
- Neil weighed in that there are two ways to do this planning. Matching the money you put away each year as closely as possible to the eventual payment you might have for a completed building so that the taxpayers are not hit with a big increase at once for a payment, the other way is as Carl is suggesting. Put a project out and deal with it at that time. Neil is on the fence personally in regard to which approach is best.
- Terry weighed in that he was in favor of putting money aside. He went through a brief history of the town voting on most of these items separately for a number of years and after that adding them into the regular budget after the voters had approved them once of more. He feels it's prudent to continue this practice moving forward.
- No other questions.

4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$450,300 for the care and maintenance of highways, the sum of \$319,050 to be raised by taxes on the 2021 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022?

- Robin Chesnut-Tangerman asked about the \$140,000 paving grant in the budget. How will that be or was that used.
- Terry answered that this grant was last year and is what we paved 140 West toward Poultney with.
- No other questions.

5. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the Municipal Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund with any surplus up to \$10,000 from the current fiscal year General Fund budget, to be used to reduce unanticipated tax increases due to general fund cost overruns?

- Patty Kenyon gave an overview of why this is on the ballot and how it helps us to keep our taxes from yo-yoing from year to year. We actually used all of what we had in reserve to allay a highway shortage in June of 2020. This article will put some money back into that fund if we have a surplus at the end of 2021.
- Jenny Talke Munyak spoke to clarify the use of the tax stabilization in June of 2020 and what the impact would have been on your current taxes.
- Herb Childress thanked Patty for having the idea for this fund a few years ago, he thinks it a great idea. He also wondered if there was a limit set for this fund or any planning around that.
- Patty responded that currently there is not a limit, but it is certainly something that we could take up in the future. But basically, right now it's up to the current Selectboard, if they feel they have enough money in this fund, they can simply not put the article on the warning.
- There's no intention to sock away a ton of money, it's just a way to try to create some stability.
- Neil added to the conversation that every \$10,000 affects your tax rate by a penny, so it's not a massive difference but more of a subtle impact.
- No other questions.

6. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities with any non-allocated General Fund surplus from the current fiscal year?

- Sarah Grimm not sure it's the right place for this question, general fund budget has a highway grant for \$40,000 as income and is offset in the highway expenses. So, would any of that unused money go into this fund?
- Patty answered that highway money has to be used toward highway expenditures. So, no surplus from highway will ever be used to reduce the general fund tax burden. This question maybe should be addressed under Article 7 which is focused on a highway fund.
- No other questions.

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7. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the Reserve Fund for Equipment with any surplus up to \$20,000 from the current fiscal year Highway Fund surplus?

- Patty explained the impetus for putting this item on the warning. This fund is intended to specifically add \$20,000 into our equipment fund. We had to quickly buy a new truck this year, we were a year early on our replacement schedule. Which means this year we will have two large payments and we've only budgeted for one of these payments. We would use any surplus this year to build that fund to cover that extra payment.
- No other questions.

8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to expend \$24,750 to contract with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department, to provide law enforcement coverage for the Town?

- Jenny Talke Munyak - asked the Selectboard what types of stuff is covered under our contract with the sheriff's department.
- Terry answered that when we added more coverage with the sheriff - one was the four corners in town - policing the lack of people stopping at the 4-way stop. The other was to have the sheriff be visible on all the roads throughout town, so that people on the backroads could feel more protected as we had been having a rash of burglaries in town, thirdly was speed control. We usually have a meeting each year to talk about what our priorities are, we didn't have that meeting last year, but are planning to make that happen for this year if the article passes.
- George Gonda asked how many hours a week/month this gets us.
- Terry answered that equates to 10 hours per week. This gives us one full time equivalent officer between the towns of Ira, Tinmouth, Danby and Middletown.
- Nora asked if we have gotten any feedback on the coverage in town.
- Neil pointed Nora to page 10 of the Town Report, that information is there.
- No other questions.

9. Shall the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$79,500 for the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fire protection and emergency response services?

- Neil reported that the Fire Department budget was level funded. Same as last year.
- No questions.

10. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$1,500 for the support and general operation of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association determining that it provides preservation and maintenance of the cemetery?

- Robin would like to move to combine all remaining articles into a single discussion.
- Kimberly said yes but would like to finish this item then combine the remainder. Robin agreed.
- Juanita Burch Clay asked why the Pleasant View Cemetery has not used the Copeland Memorial Cemetery Fund and not made a report. This fund seems like it could take the place of this funding article.
- Terry responded that he was not that familiar with the Copeland Cemetery Fund in terms of their reporting and their current disposition, but he can speak to the Pleasant View Cemetery Association and their needs and finances. His knowledge is that \$100,000 is what is in the Copeland Fund, that amount is not nearly enough to sustain the cemetery in terms of their yearly maintenance needs. Much of the work done in the cemetery is volunteer. The help from the town is crucial to keeping the cemetery going.
- Juanita responded that the Copeland fund was designed to help to support this cemetery and she believes that if we had a better sense of what was going on with the fund we might be able to eliminate the need for this \$1500.

Kimberly restated Robin's earlier motion to combine articles 11 through 37. Jon Mathewson, seconded. Because we are in a virtual meeting, we cannot vote.

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Because of that technicality, the moderator decided she was going to combine articles 11 through 37, and asked if there are there any objections to moving forward in that manner. Hearing no objections, the articles will be address in combination.

11. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$7,450 for the support of Poultney Rescue Squad determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?

- Sarah Grimm asked if someone on the Selectboard could speak to what is going on with the Middletown Springs First Response.
- Patty responded that the Middletown Springs First Response is not associated with the Selectboard. Carl Haynes is certainly qualified to speak to this question as the former president of the First Response.
- Carl talked about the issue with Poultney Rescue dropping the insurance on the Middletown Springs First Response vehicle and worker's comp coverage. The MSFR had asked the town about taking up coverage and making the organization part of the town when they first learned there was an issue with Poultney. The town looked into it last year and seemed amenable, but this year the town was unwilling to take on the insurance. So, as of the first of July the First Response ceased to exist because of lack of insurance.
- Patty responded to clarify some of what Carl said in regard to the Selectboard's position. The selectboard was presented with this issue 2 years ago, at that time we got a price for the insurance and then nothing happened. We never said that taking on the First Response shouldn't be a problem, we wanted to find out the basic cost and then move to the next step of the process. So, the next step was investigating what it would mean to take on the First Response as part of town government. To that end we consulted with the town's lawyer.
- What we found out was, if we take on the First Response as a town entity we would then be responsible to make sure that all their licenses and their volunteers were certified and had all the training necessary to perform their duties. It's a lot more complicated than just adding them to our insurance policy. The town would then be responsible for everything that is entailed in running a rescue squad. The board didn't feel we had the experience or capacity to oversee a municipal rescue squad. We encouraged the rescue squad members to explore what they might need to continue on their own, that didn't happen.
- Terry weighed in that we'd need to create another department of the town. It would be a huge undertaking. In his opinion a rescue squad is better suited to be a part of the Fire Department as that relationship seemed to be a better fit.
- George Gonda explained that there were discussions about rolling the first response into the fire department but that would require an entirely new license and a whole different training protocol.
- Joy Ray asked if Poultney was willing to maintain the First Response if the town paid the insurance?
- Carl responded that no, they were not willing to keep the organization. Poultney has since severed ties with the volunteers in Middletown Springs, so they are no longer members which severs all ties between the two entities.
- Neil hopes that in the future we could get something going again for the residents of the town. Would like for us to keep working on it.
- Mary Lamson asked what does this mean for our emergency medical needs in Middletown Springs?
- Kevin Eaton replied that Poultney Rescue still covers this area, but there are no local folks to respond to events more quickly.
- Melissa added that when she's thinking about how to vote, we want to vote yes on article 11 so that we can ensure that we have coverage from Poultney.
- Neil clarified that the vote doesn't change whether they come or not, it just solidifies our partnership with them.
- Rosemary Moser wanted clarification - if there's a medical emergency the fire department doesn't respond?
- Kevin answered that is correct, unless it's a full cardiac arrest, then all agencies are called out.
- Heather stated that the fire department will also come out for a lift and assist call to help getting a patient into an ambulance or other similar situation.
- George Gonda replied that the fire department will respond as an emergency responder and work in concert, for example a tree down, or a car accident - during those events the two agencies work in concert with each other.
- Deb House weighed in that there were only three members of MSFR and all of those people have regular jobs, so it's not as if someone is always in town and waiting to respond to an emergency right now.
- No more questions on 11.

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Elizabeth Cooper asked about the protocols for putting an agency on the appropriation's list?

- Terry answered that each agency sends a request to the Selectboard for inclusion on the town warning. The Selectboard did make a motion after this year's flood of new appropriations to require new agencies (those not supported by taxpayers in the past) to bring their request along with a petition signed by the prerequisite number of registered voters to appear on the warning in the future. So, moving forward it will take a little bit more work for an organization to get their request on the ballot.

12. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$1,500 for the support of the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home and community health services?

13. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$50 for the support of the Vermont Green-Up Day determining that the program serves the residents of the town by provisioning and organizing Green Up Day?

- Specifically, Elizabeth would like to speak to Vermont Green Up Day - Article 13 - As the chair of this event for the past few years, she wants everyone to know that \$50 goes to Green Up Vermont to help with supplies for Green Up day events.
- No more questions on article 13.

14. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$867 for the support of Community Care Network/Rutland Mental Health Services determining that the program serves the residents of the town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services?

15. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$750 for the support of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging determining that the program serves the residents of the town with meal support, case management, information and other assistance?

16. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of the Bennington/Rutland Opportunity Center (BROC) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to persons living in poverty?

17. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the Vermont Center for Independent Living determining that the program serves the residents of the town with services including Meals on Wheels and home handicap access?

18. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force determining that the program serves the residents of the town with road and fire protection grant programs including the Better Back Roads grants and dry-hydrant grants?

- Robin Chesnut-Tangerman weighed in on Article 18. This function funds dry hydrants in town and would like to put in a plug for it.
- No more questions for article 18.

19. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$375 for the support of the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?

20. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of the NewStory Center (formerly Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with a crisis hot line, domestic violence and rape-survivor assistance?

21. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$125 for the support of Rutland County Humane Society determining that the program serves the residents of the town with care for neglected, abused and surrendered animals?

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22. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of RSVP and The Volunteer Center determining that the program serves the residents of the town with volunteering opportunities and services such as bone building classes?
23. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of the Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to preserve natural resources?
24. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home-buyer education and energy efficiency services?
25. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of ARC (Advocacy-Resources-Community) determining that it provides service to residents with developmental disabilities?
26. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of Rutland County Parent/Child Center determining that it provides child care and recreational services to residents with younger children?
27. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$300 for the support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired determining that it provides service to residents with vision loss?
28. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont determining that it provides emergency services to residents of the town?
29. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of Mentor Connector determining that it enhances self-esteem and in-depth training?
30. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of Child First Advocacy Center determining that the program serves the residents of the town in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence?
31. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$745 for the support of the Regional Marketing Initiative, a collaboration of the Rutland Regional Chamber of Commerce, Rutland Economic Development Corp., and municipalities around Rutland County, the goal of which is to grow the economy in our region, and determining that the program serves the residents of the town in a regionally funded marketing effort to support the town's and region's economy?
32. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$150 for the support of Front Porch Forum determining that it provides communication services to the town's and region's residents? Also, Elizabeth wanted to ask about article 32 - Front Porch Forum - FPF is not a non-profit organization.
- Patty replied that it's on there by specific request by herself as she felt it was an important function to support and every year, they asked the town to send them a \$150 donation. She initially wanted to let the voters decide, so added it as an article to give the townspeople a chance to decide.
 - No more questions on article 32.
33. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of Big Heavy World determining that it provides support for Vermont's musicians and music education?
34. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of Vermont Family Network determining that it provides support for Vermont families of children with special needs?

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35. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$350 for the support of Habitat for Humanity Rutland County determining that it provides support for our community by creating affordable and decent housing, lifting up one family at a time?

36. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of Rutland County Restorative Justice Center determining that it provides support for community members in responding to the needs of crime victims, the community, and those who violated the law, holding the latter accountable in a manner that promotes responsible and restorative behavior?

37. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of Vermont Farmers Food Center determining that it provides support for community access and availability of locally produced food in the Rutland Region through education, expanding markets, and aggregation and distribution of locally produced and value-added agricultural products?

38. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

- Rosemary reported after reviewing last year's town report it appears that last year's results were reported in the report inaccurately. Would be great to have a correction posted on the town's website to reflect the issues accurately.
- Patty, the board will work on getting a correction posted to address this error.
- Robin asked about the signing of the town warning. Was the missing signature purposeful or a function of absence at a meeting.
- Carl reported that he chose not to sign the warning because he disagreed with including the building items in the general budget.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30pm - two hours in.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Kenyon, Selectboard Clerk

3/24/2021 - Minutes approved by the Town Moderator - Kimberly Bushnell 3/25/2021 - Minutes approved by the Selectboard - Terry Redfield, Chair

Attest: Patty Kenyon - Town Clerk 3/26/2021

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RESULTS OF 2021 BALLOT QUESTIONS

Ballot Articles	Yes	No	Blank	Spoiled
2 Auditor's Report	305	37	8	0
3 Town General Budget	219	124	7	0
4 Highway Budget	223	122	5	0
5 Tax Stabilization Fund	225	117	8	0
6 Facilities Reserve Fund	218	121	11	0
7 Equipment Reserve Fund	208	128	12	2
8 Sheriff's Department	179	163	8	0
9 MSVFD	246	97	6	1
10 Pleasant View Cemetery	280	62	8	0
11 Poultney Rescue Squad	293	52	5	0
12 Visiting Nurse/Hospice	284	57	9	0
13 VT Green-up Day	292	50	8	0
14 Community Care / Mental Health	258	85	7	0
15 SW VT Council on Aging	240	85	25	0
16 Benn/Rut Opportunity Center	223	101	25	1
17 Center for Independent Living	241	83	26	0
18 VT Rural Fire Protection	248	75	27	0
19 Rutland Regional Ambulance	271	55	24	0
20 NewStory Center	223	99	28	0
21 Rutland Humane Society	255	68	27	0
22 RSVP/Volunteer Center	196	123	30	1
23 Poultney-Mettowee Nat. Res.	211	114	24	1
24 Neighborworks	197	125	27	1
25 ARC	206	116	28	0
26 Rutland Parent/Child Center	206	116	27	1
27 VT Ass'n for Blind/Impaired	238	84	27	1
28 American Red Cross NH/VT	253	70	27	0
29 Mentor Connector	189	135	26	0
30 Child First Advocacy Center	241	98	12	0
31 Regional Marketing Initiative	168	163	20	0
32 Front Porch Forum	249	87	14	1
33 Big Heavy World	173	158	20	0
34 Vermont Family Network	232	102	17	0
35 Habitat for Humanity/Rutland	219	115	17	0
36 Rutland Restorative Justice	199	133	19	0
37 VT Farmers Food Center	245	93	13	0

Town of Middletown Springs
RESULTS OF 2021 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator	Kimberly Bushnell	309
Moderator	Write-in	3
Moderator	Blank	38
Clerk	Laura Castle	117
Clerk	Patty Kenyon	227
Clerk	Write-in	1
Clerk	Blank	5
Treasurer	Jenny Munyak	249
Treasurer	Ryan Decelle	93
Treasurer	Write-in	0
Treasurer	Blank	8
Tax Collector	Debra House	278
Tax Collector	Write-in	4
Tax Collector	Blank	68
Selectboard-3	Carl Haynes	153
Selectboard-3	Robin Chesnut-Tangerman	193
Selectboard-3	Write-in	0
Selectboard-3	Blank	4
Selectboard-2	Terry Redfield	300
Selectboard-2	Write-in	6
Selectboard-2	Blank	44
Road Commissioner	Bill Reed	283
Road Commissioner	Write-in	15
Road Commissioner	Blank	52
Lister	Sally Achey	245
Lister	Write-in	3
Lister	Blank	102
Auditor	Sarah Grimm	293
Auditor	Write-in	3
Auditor	Blank	54
Library Trustee	Kelley Beckwith	297
Library Trustee	Write-in	8
Library Trustee	Blank	395
Church Fund	Rita Hansen	301
Church Fund	Write-in	2
Church Fund	Blank	47

Town of Middletown Springs
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - INFORMATIONAL MEETING 2021

Hybrid meeting held on Monday November 8, 2021
Start time: 6:30pm | Approved Minutes

Town Officers Present: Selectboard members - Terry Redfield, Neil Russell, Heather Grier, Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, Patty Kenyon; Moderator – Kimberly Bushnell.

General Attendance: In addition to project architect, Geoff Metcalfe of Keefe & Wesner Architects, there were more than a dozen attendees present in the meeting room and 17 devices listening via Zoom.

Town Moderator, Kimberly Bushnell called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. Kimberly welcomed everyone in the room and attending via Zoom. She reviewed the protocols for the hybrid meeting and read the Special Town Meeting Warning.

Article 1: Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Selectboard to borrow a sum not to exceed \$800,000.00 to be financed for a period not to exceed 30 years for the purpose of financing the construction of a town office building on the corner of South and East Streets (estimated project cost \$973,000.00)?

Terry Redfield, Selectboard chair, thanked everyone for taking the time to come to this informational meeting. He then gave a brief overview of the need and the process we've gone through to get to this moment in time. Briefly the board looked at options beyond the corner property, concluded the corner was the best option, worked to develop a footprint and floor plan that we feel will fill our needs now and into the future. Terry introduced Geoff Metcalfe of Keefe & Wesner, the town's architect.

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman pointed the folks on Zoom to the detailed plans on the town website as they won't be able to see the drawings that Geoff brought with him.

Geoff introduced the project. First point was to be sensitive to budget and space needs. Geoff described the structure as simple and cost effective. We'll be using slab on grade construction. There was an overview of the vault construction, the aesthetics of the building trying to speak to the local vernacular. Construction above the slab will be standard wood construction, roof framing will be trusses. Exterior will be clapboards and standing seam roof. All exterior finishes will be products that don't rot. Two porches, one at each entry point. Talked a little bit about the building location on the site and the location of the parking area.

Kimberly called for questions -

Question from the floor about the septic system (Nita Burch-Clay)– what is the septic system?

- Geoff answered the system will be a holding tank that will be regularly pumped.

Follow-up question from the floor – (Nita Burch-Clay) – what is the heating system?

- Answer from Geoff – the heating system is a ducted heat pump system for heat and air conditioning with a small propane back up unit for the depths of winter.

Another follow-up (Nita Burch-Clay) And Solar? –

- Geoff, Terry, & Patty answered that Solar is not part of this design but could be easily added if funds are available.

Question from Gordon Godfrey – asked about the square footage of the building – what is it?

- Geoff answered – just over 2000 square feet.

Follow up (G Godfrey) – where's the rest of the money for this building going to come from?

- Terry, Patty and Neil answered that we have just over \$300,000 in a reserve fund for this project and there is potential to use some of the ARPA funds that we will be receiving. The hope is that the building will come in within the budget and estimate. Geoff added that the estimate was done by a builder who is working now during the pandemic, so he's confident that the build will come in very close to the estimate. The most volatile potential for cost increases is with the site work due to the former brownfield. The building process will be done using a bid which will have a hard number guaranteed for the building. The soft costs, septic

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - INFORMATIONAL MEETING 2021 cont.

and site work, are part of the additional costs beyond the building estimate, those costs will begin to be fleshed out in more detail if the article passes tomorrow. The board will have to reject any bids or shelve the project if the costs are expected to exceed our borrowing limits.

Floor Question from Maureen McCormack – will the building walkway be ADA compliant –

- Geoff says yes, but the grade will have to be modified to meet the 5% grade required by ADA.

Follow-up (M McCormack) – Emergency access to the building at the front access? –

- Front entrance will also be an accessible entrance in terms of grade.

Floor Question – Nita Burch-Clay – asked whether a slab is a good investment in Vermont –

- Geoff answers yes, his perspective is that a basement is not part of the scheme due to the efficiency of the construction design.

Floor Question – Maureen McCormack – worried about the slab in terms of comfort in the working environment.

- Geoff says this right now is a little bit flexible and will be vetted out in the next phase, but consistent warmth is a high priority in the design.

Zoom Question – Herb Childress – not a question but a comment, he thanked the Selectboard for the work they've done on this project. But also acknowledged that the current design is due to the work that's been done over the course of more than a dozen years by former building committee members, David Munyak, Michael Beattie, Patty Kenyon, Peter & Aileen Stevenson and all the former and current teams – thank you all.

Question from the floor from Jack Clay – concerned about storage and that there's not enough storage room? Also, how big is the meeting room compared to the room we are in now. Concerned we might be building a building that is already too small.

- Geoff, Neil, talked about the room comparison, roughly they are close in size. There is also potential storage in the attic area above the main floor. Specific storage options will be vetted that will work for the space as designed.
- Zoom – Aileen Stevenson – storage follow-up and the size of the town clerk's office is large enough to accommodate some things, there is also a small meeting room that could store some items when not in use.
- Floor Comment – Robin Chesnut-Tangerman regarding the work of the previous building committee – they spent a lot of time going on site visits and viewing and interviewing people who work in other town offices around the state. There was a lot of work put into the initial research, that was all passed on to Geoff to draw from. Patty talked about her limited experience as the Town Clerk and her take on storage – she feels this building seems adequate for storage.

Floor Question – Nita Burch-Clay – one of the things that she liked about the previous plan was that it addressed more than one need and we have many other needs that are urgent as well. Would it be better to vote this down and say that we want a combined project? If we vote for this are we not going to get the other projects dealt with.

- Patty answered by giving the history of our current project. We don't want to continue to be stuck on the town office because it's not the answer to all of our problems. Let's not go backward. The Fire Department is working on their needs, we are working on applying for a grant for a new salt shed right now, there is progress on the other projects. The town office has consistently been the number one project need based on surveys in the past.
- Nita urges the board to do more communication with the townspeople through all the mediums available to us.

Via Zoom – Herb Childress – follow-up to the 2019 vote on the bundled projects – that idea was soundly rejected. It's very clear that the community didn't want to do that.

Chat Question – Mike Lamson – it was mentioned that alternate sites were investigated, and it was deemed they were unsuitable – what other sites and why were they rejected?

- Terry talked about the investigation of revamping and taking over more space at the historical society building, that did not pan out as the cost was likely to exceed the cost for a new building. Other projects were residential houses in town that were for sale that had a potential match, the issues we had to look

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - INFORMATIONAL MEETING 2021 cont.

at is how much would it cost to turn a home into a municipal building. That's how we landed back on the corner.

- No other questions.

Voting will take place tomorrow from 7am to 7pm. Please wear masks.

Terry thanked Kimberly for moderating, all the folks who came out in person and on Zoom and especially Geoff Metcalf for coming and helping us answer questions.

The Moderator declared the meeting over at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Kenyon, Town Clerk

Approved by Moderator, Kimberly Bushnell on November 20, 2021

Town of Middletown Springs
November 9 Special Election Results

Article 1 – Authorize SB to borrow funds for new Town Office

November 9 Special Town Meeting Results

- 218 Voters participated.
- The article passed with 130 Yes votes and 88 No votes.

Town of Middletown Springs
WARNING FOR TOWN MEETING 2022

Town Meeting—Monday, February 28, 2022 and Tuesday, March 1, 2022

The voters of the Town of Middletown Springs, in the County of Rutland, State of Vermont, who are legally qualified to vote at Town Meeting are hereby warned to meet by electronic means on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of being provided information and to allow for the discussion of the Articles to be voted on Tuesday, March 1, 2022. At conclusion, the Informational Meeting will be recessed until 7:00 a.m. on the following day, March 1, 2022 at which time business involving voting by Australian Ballot and voting required by law to be by ballot will be transacted at the Middletown Springs Historical Society dining hall.

Information on how to access the remote hearing:

- By land line telephone: Dial 1-929-436-2866 (charges may apply). When prompted enter the Meeting ID: 4383450591#, Passcode 15920.
- By computer: Join meeting by clicking here:
<https://zoom.us/j/4383450591?pwd=UkRKbnl2c28xcDhmcWJlTmE3UENkZz09>
You may be prompted to enter a Meeting ID: 4383450591, Passcode 15920.
- By smartphone, tablet, or other device: Download and open the Zoom Meeting app. You may have to create a free account or sign into your existing account. Select the option to join meeting and enter the Meeting ID: 4383450591, Passcode 15920.

POLLS WILL BE OPEN MARCH 1, 2022, FROM 7:00 A.M. UNTIL 7:00 P.M.

1. To elect Town Officers as provided by Vermont Law.
2. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs accept the report prepared by the Town Auditors?
3. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$360,975 for the general operation of the town, the sum of \$281,900 to be raised by taxes on the 2022 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023?
4. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs appropriate \$517,350 for the care and maintenance of highways, the sum of \$383,875 to be raised by taxes on the 2022 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023?
5. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the Municipal Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund with any surplus up to \$5,000 from the current fiscal year General Fund budget, to be used to reduce unanticipated tax increases due to general fund cost overruns?
6. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to fund the Reserve Fund for Town Municipal Facilities with any non-allocated General Fund surplus from the current fiscal year?
7. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to establish and fund a Reserve Fund for Town Library Facilities allocating \$20,000 to said fund to be raised by taxes on the 2022 Grand List of the Town of Middletown Springs for the fiscal year of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023?
8. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs authorize the Select Board to expend \$25,600 to contract with the Rutland County Sheriff's Department, to provide law enforcement coverage for the Town?
9. Shall the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$81,885 for the Middletown Springs Volunteer Fire Department determining that the program serves the residents of the town with fire protection and emergency response services?

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TOWN PRE-TOWN MEETING 2022

10. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$1,500 for the support and general operation of the Pleasant View Cemetery Association determining that it provides preservation and maintenance of the cemetery?
11. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$7,940 for the support of Poultney Rescue Squad determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?
12. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$1,500 for the support of the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home and community health services?
13. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$50 for the support of the Vermont Green-Up Day determining that the program serves the residents of the town by provisioning and organizing Green Up Day?
14. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$867 for the support of Community Care Network/Rutland Mental Health Services determining that the program serves the residents of the town with counseling, substance abuse and emergency services?
15. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$750 for the support of the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging determining that the program serves the residents of the town with meal support, case management, information and other assistance?
16. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of the Bennington/Rutland Opportunity Center (BROC) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to persons living in poverty?
17. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the Vermont Center for Independent Living determining that the program serves the residents of the town with services including Meals on Wheels and home handicap access?
18. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$100 for the support of Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force determining that the program serves the residents of the town with road and fire protection grant programs including the Better Back Roads grants and dry-hydrant grants?
19. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$375 for the support of the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service determining that the program serves the residents of the town with emergency life support and transport services?
20. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of the NewStory Center (formerly Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter) determining that the program serves the residents of the town with a crisis hot line, domestic violence and rape-survivor assistance?
21. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$125 for the support of Rutland County Humane Society determining that the program serves the residents of the town with care for neglected, abused and surrendered animals?
22. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of RSVP and The Volunteer Center determining that the program serves the residents of the town with volunteering opportunities and services such as bone building classes?

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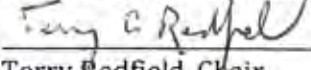
23. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of the Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District determining that the program serves the residents of the town with assistance to preserve natural resources?
24. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of the NeighborWorks of Western Vermont determining that the program serves the residents of the town with home-buyer education and energy efficiency services?
25. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of ARC (Advocacy-Resources-Community) determining that it provides service to residents with developmental disabilities?
26. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of Rutland County Parent/Child Center determining that it provides child care and recreational services to residents with younger children?
27. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$300 for the support of the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired determining that it provides service to residents with vision loss?
28. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of the American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont determining that it provides emergency services to residents of the town?
29. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$200 for the support of Mentor Connector determining that it enhances self-esteem and in-depth training?
30. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$400 for the support of Child First Advocacy Center determining that the program serves the residents of the town in the discovery, intervention, treatment and prevention of child sexual abuse, severe physical abuse and children affected by violence?
31. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$745 for the support of the Regional Marketing Initiative, a collaboration of the Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region and municipalities around Rutland County, the goal of which is to grow the economy in our region, and determining that the program serves the residents of the town in a regionally funded marketing effort to support the town's and region's economy?
32. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$150 for the support of Front Porch Forum determining that it provides communication services to the town's and region's residents?
33. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of Big Heavy World determining that it provides support for Vermont's musicians and music education?
34. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of Vermont Family Network determining that it provides support for Vermont families of children with special needs?
35. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$350 for the support of Habitat for Humanity Rutland County determining that it provides support for our community by creating affordable and decent family housing?

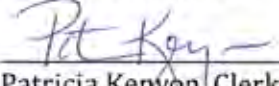
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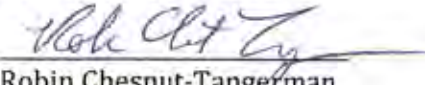
36. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$250 for the support of Rutland County Restorative Justice Center determining that it provides support for community members in responding to the needs of crime victims, the community, and those who violated the law?
37. Shall the voters of the Town of Middletown Springs deem necessary and appropriate \$500 for the support of Vermont Farmers Food Center determining that it provides support for community access and availability of locally produced food in the Rutland Region through education, expanding markets, and aggregation and distribution of locally produced and value-added agricultural products?
38. To transact any other business proper to be before said meeting.

Patricia Kenyon, Town Clerk

BOARD OF SELECT PERSONS:


Terry Redfield, Chair

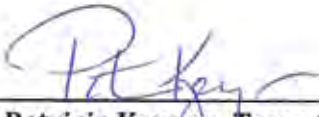

Patricia Kenyon, Clerk


Robin Chesnut-Tangerman


Heather Grier, Vice-Chair

Neil Russell

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ATTEST: 
Patricia Kenyon, Town Clerk

**Town of Middletown Springs
Middletown Springs Town Officers Positions
Open for Election 2022***

Elected Office	Term Length
Selectboard Member	2 Years
Selectboard Member	3 Years
Town Moderator	1 Year
School Director (Wells Springs)	3 Years
School Director (Wells Springs)	3 Years (2 Years remaining)
School Director (Wells Springs)	3 Years (1 Year remaining)
Lister	3 Years
Town Auditor	3 Years
Planning Commission	3 Years
	3 Years
	3 Years (2 Years remaining)
	3 Years (1 Year remaining)
Library Trustee	3 Years
	3 Years (2 Years remaining)
	3 Years (2 Years remaining)
	3 Years (1 Year remaining)
Trustee Copeland Church Fund	1 Year
Trustees Copeland Cemetery Fund	1 Year
Trustees of Louis Fund and Other Public Monies	3 Years
	3 Years (1 Year remaining)

*** This list does not reflect whether the incumbent intends to run for re-election. Current elected office holders can be found on the Town Website. <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov/town-government/town-officers/>**

Town of Middletown Springs
WELLS SPRINGS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

**Annual School District Informational Meeting - February 23, 2022
Voting by Australian ballot - March 1, 2022**

The legal voters of the Wells Springs Unified Union School District are hereby warned to meet virtually at the following link:

- meet.google.com/pab-gdqq-iau
- or via phone: (US) +1 209-426-0994 PIN: 197 379 079#

on February 23, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. for the annual school district informational meeting to do the following:

- Review and discuss the reports of the School Board and other District Officials.
- Review and discuss the presentation from the School Board on the proposed FY 2023 budget.

This informational meeting constitutes a Public hearing.

The meeting shall then be recessed to Tuesday, March 1, 2022, for the purpose of voting the following articles at the usual polling places in the member districts by Australian ballot, said ballots being brought to Wells Town Hall following the closing of the polls in the member districts where they will be commingled and counted by the Board of Civil Authority of the constituent district.

The town polls will be opened as follows:

Town of Wells	10:00 am - 7:00 pm	Wells Town Hall
Town of Middletown Springs	7:00 am - 7:00 pm	Middletown Springs: Historical Society (4 Park Avenue)

Article 1. To elect the following officers:

- a. Moderator for a term of one (1) year
- b. Treasurer for a term of one (1) year
- c. Clerk for a term of one (1) year

Article 2. School Budget: Shall the voters of the Wells Springs Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$5,414,147.99, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$19,111 per equalized pupil, which is a 6.72% increase from last year.

Article 3. To elect the following officers to serve from their election and qualification until the March at the end of the expired term following the election and qualification of their successors:

Town of Middletown Springs
WELLS SPRINGS UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT WARNING

- A. School Director, Middletown Springs for a term of (3) three years
- B. School Director, Wells for a term of three (3) years
- C. School Director, Middletown Springs for a term of two (2) years
- D. School Director, Middletown Springs for a term of one (1) years

Said persons and voters are warned and notified that voter qualifications, registration, absentee voting, and voter procedures shall be in accordance with Chapters 43 and 51 of Title 17 Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Approved by the Wells Springs Unified School District Board of Directors in a public meeting and dated at Rutland, Vermont this 19th day of January 2022.


Eric Montbriand, Board Chair


Meredith Morgan, Board Vice-Chair



George Gonda, Board Clerk

Courtney Bishop, Board Member

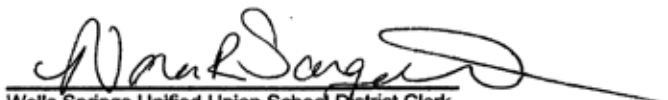
Jody Dickerson, Board Member



Kara Haynes, Board Member


Amanda Weeden, Board Member

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Wells Springs Unified Union School District Clerk

To Keep Up With What's Happening In Town All Year Long

- Join **Front Porch Forum** (<http://frontporchforum.com>), the online list serve for Middletown Springs
- Subscribe to the **middleTOWN NEWSletter** published on or close to the first of the month. For a digital subscription write to middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com to have your email address added OR send \$7 (12 First Class stamps) to the Library to have a hard copy sent to you each month for a year.
- Check the **Town's website** for information and links to resources. The website is being updated regularly. If there is something you are looking for and can't find there, let us know by emailing middletown@vermontel.net. Visit the site at <http://middletownsprings.vt.gov>

REMINDER

THE WELLS SPRINGS BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL MEETING AS FOLLOWS:

DATE & TIME: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022 AT 7:00 PM

VIRTUALLY AT THE FOLLOWING LINK:

meet.google.com/pab-gdqg-iau

OR BY TELEPHONE BY CALLING:

(US)+1 209-426-0994 (PIN) 197 379 079#

THE BOARD WILL PRESENT THE PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET TO THE PUBLIC AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

Please join us in support of your schools!

The Wells Springs Annual Report is available at the following locations:

Greater Rutland County Supervisory Union
Middletown Springs Elementary School
Middletown Springs Town Clerk's Office
Wells Village School
Wells Town Clerk's Office
online at: GRCSU.org

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

**Wednesday, February 23: Wells Springs Board of School Directors
Annual Meeting - 7:00 p.m.** Virtually or by phone

Monday, February 28: Pre-Town Meeting
For landline, smartphone or computer access instructions
please reference page 74 of this Town Report

Monday, February 28: Deadline to vote by Early or Absentee Ballot
Town Office open until 4 p.m.

Monday, February 28: Deadline to Register to Vote
Town Office open until 4 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1: Town Meeting Vote!
Polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
at the Historical Society dining room - access from Firehouse Lane